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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened 2 3 to learn of the death of Michael F. Powers Jr. of Des Plaines, 4 who passed away on July 8, 2022; and 5 WHEREAS, Michael Powers was born to Michael Powers Sr. and 6 Marie D'Andrea in Chicago on October 6, 1934; he earned his 7 teaching degree from National Louis University; and 8 WHEREAS, Michael Powers worked as a teacher at South 9 School in District 62 for over 35 years; he loved his students and influenced many lives in a profound way; and 10 11 WHEREAS, Michael Powers was a member of St. Mary Church of 12 Des Plaines where he served as a member of the parish council, 13 organized fundraisers, and sang in the choir; he was also a member of the Des Plaines Elks Lodge and volunteered at both 14 15 Holy Family and Lutheran General Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Michael Powers was a kind, patient, enthusiastic, and optimistic person who enjoyed traveling, sports, history, reading, and, most of all, interacting with people; he was a

Little League team for many years; and

WHEREAS, Michael Powers managed a south-side Des Plaines

- 1 White Sox fan and loved playing golf; he was an outstanding
- 2 singer and was proud of his Irish ancestry; he enjoyed singing
- 3 with the Irish Heritage Singers of Chicago and loved the many
- 4 friendships he established through the organization; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Michael Powers was preceded in death by his
- 6 parents; his brother, Thomas Powers; his nephew, David Powers;
- 7 and his sister-in-law, Patricia Obidowicz; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Michael Powers is survived by his wife of 58
- 9 years, Carole; his brother, David Powers; his nieces and
- 10 nephews, Nancy Etzold, Dess Ann Fedele, Mathew Powers, Stephen
- 11 Powers, Ashley Cunningham, Christopher Powers, Shelly
- 12 Langguth, Jeffrey Langguth, Laura Hedrick Zoltowski, and
- 13 Michael Hedrick; therefore, be it
- 14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
- 15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 16 Michael F. Powers Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to
- 17 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 18 further
- 19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 20 presented to the family of Michael Powers as an expression of
- 21 our deepest sympathy.