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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Donald Lee "Demo" DeMarse Jr. of Smithton, who passed away on August 5, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Demo DeMarse was born in East St. Louis on April 29, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Demo DeMarse started his business, Demo's Pizza Cellar, in the basement of a liquor store on 17th Street; he then moved to North Belt West and opened Demo's Sports Bar; and

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WHEREAS, Demo DeMarse was a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Belleville; he enjoyed golfing, fishing, coaching softball and basketball, and attending his grandsons' baseball games; he loved tending to his yard; and

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WHEREAS, Demo DeMarse will be remembered for being a very generous and giving individual who was always ready to lend a hand to his friends and the community; and

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WHEREAS, Demo DeMarse was preceded in death by his parents, Donald Sr. and Suzanne (Gerold) DeMarse; his brother, Chuck DeMarse; and his nephew, Tim Frazier; and

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1 WHEREAS, Demo DeMarse is survived by his daughters,
2 Christine (Mike) Todd and Donyelle (Austin) Theis; his
3 grandchildren, Brady Todd, Austin Todd, Cody Todd, and Colton
4 Theis; his brother, Gerry (Susan) DeMarse; his sisters, Liz
5 (Tim) Messbarger and Cynthia (Mike) Biggs; his nieces and
6 nephews, Lauren DeMarse, Megan DeMarse, Austin Frazier, Eric
7 (Katlyn) Frazier, Anna "Toots" (Justin) Dulle, Mike Biggs,
8 Doug (Dawn) Biggs, Jeff (Meaghan) Schoor, and AJ Biggs; his
9 many cousins, great-nieces, and great-nephews; and his dear
10 friends; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Donald Lee "Demo" DeMarse Jr. and extend our sincere
14 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
15 him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Demo DeMarse as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.