SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Thomas J. Monaco of Oak Park, who passed away on May 2, 2022 at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Monaco graduated from Ascension Elementary School in 1963, Fenwick High School in 1967, and Xavier University in 1971, where he formed many lasting friendships; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Monaco played an important role in developing Oak Park youth baseball, softball, and the Windmills; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Monaco was a supporter of many charitable foundations; he was especially dedicated to Misericordia; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Monaco was an organizer of many grand events, including the Annual Turkey Bowl, FAO, Crazy 8's, the Pig Roast, and Mardi Gras; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Monaco was an avid sports fan who loved watching the Chicago Blackhawks and never missed an Xavier basketball game; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Monaco was the true definition of a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan, meaning he would root for any opponent of the Chicago White Sox; he achieved his ultimate wish of seeing the Cubs win the World Series in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Monaco was affectionately known as "Punch"; he will be remembered for teaching those around him all about loyalty, generosity, and friendship; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Monaco was the husband of Jane (McDermott); the father of Sarah, Thomas, Michael (Molly), and Anne (Jay) Hanz; the grandfather of Matthew, Max, and Morgan; the brother of Jane, Joseph, Robert, and William; and the uncle of many; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Thomas J. Monaco and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Thomas Monaco as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

