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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Richard Clarence "Dick" Puls of Des  
4 Plaines, who passed away on December 26, 2023; and

5           WHEREAS, Dick Puls was born in Chicago to Clarence and  
6 Gertrude (Cook) Puls on May 1, 1943; he attended Queen of All  
7 Saints Elementary School in Chicago and Notre Dame High School  
8 in Niles; he graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Loyola  
9 University Chicago; he married Sylvia Madalinski in 1967; and

10           WHEREAS, Dick Puls taught science at St. Viator High  
11 School; he then spent the rest of his professional career as a  
12 senior level life insurance underwriter for a large firm in  
13 Chicago; and

14           WHEREAS, Dick Puls was a longtime parishioner of St.  
15 Zachary Parish in Des Plaines, where he served in many  
16 ministries, including liturgy and finance planning, St.  
17 Vincent DePaul, and RCIA; he also served on the St. Zachary  
18 School Board, where all of his children and his grandson, Sam,  
19 attended grade school; a faithful Catholic throughout his  
20 life, he even selected the church altar as the spot for his  
21 marriage proposal; and

1           WHEREAS, Dick Puls enjoyed reading science fiction novels,  
2 studying the stock market, playing cards, listening to  
3 classical music, and napping with his dog, Duke; he loved  
4 spoiling his grandchildren and treating them to trips to the  
5 zoo, botanical gardens, arboretum, children's museum, and a  
6 nice lunch, where they could choose anything off the menu; and

7           WHEREAS, Dick Puls was preceded in death by his parents  
8 and his wife, Sylvia; and

9           WHEREAS, Dick Puls was the loving father of Judy (Dave)  
10 Manning, Rich Puls, Donna (Levent) Turetgen, and David (Beth)  
11 Puls; the devoted grandfather "Papa" of Richie, Emma, Neyla,  
12 Melisa, William, and Sam; the cherished cousin of Nancy  
13 Pavlick; the dear brother-in-law of Susan (the late  
14 Christopher) Puchalla; the loved uncle of Jenny, Julie, Chris,  
15 and Dan; and the adored cousin, friend, colleague, and  
16 neighbor of many; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
19 Richard Clarence "Dick" Puls and extend our sincere  
20 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
21 him; and be it further

22           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Dick Puls as an expression of our  
2 deepest sympathy.