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## SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Chester Stranczek; and

WHEREAS, Chester Stranczek served as Mayor of the Village of Crestwood from 1969 until he stepped down in August of 2007; prior to becoming Mayor, he had served as a village trustee for a dozen years; and

8 WHEREAS, During his tenure as Mayor, Chester Stranczek was 9 instrumental in developing retail projects, such as the 10 Rivercrest Shopping Center, and in building recreational facilities for village residents, such as the wellness center 11 12 and Biela Center; he spearheaded the initiative to refund a 13 portion of the Village's share of the overall property tax bill 14 back to the Village's residents; he was also instrumental in bringing the Cook County Cheetahs to the Village in 1999; and 15

16 WHEREAS, Chester Stranczek was the founder of Harvey-based 17 trucking company Cresco Lines; he started in the trucking 18 business in 1959, hauling his first load for Allied Tube and 19 Conduit; while heading up Cresco, he served as chairman of the 20 American Trucking Association; he retired from the company in 21 1995; and SR1001 -2- LRB099 14315 GRL 38401 r WHEREAS, Chester Stranczek and his wife, Diane, were contributors to Canisius College, a Jesuit institution in Buffalo, New York, from which he received an honorary degree in 2001; he was also a board member at the college; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL 7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his 8 family and friends, mourn the passing of Chester Stranczek; and 9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 11 presented to the family of Chester Stranczek as an expression 12 of our sympathy.