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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the friends and family of Louis H. Bitto, who passed away on February 28, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Louis H. Bitto was born on January 25, 1927, in Chicago to Albertine Forgue Bitto; he married Mary Murphy on May 28, 1949; their union lasted nearly 53 years and produced 10 sons and two daughters; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Bitto attended Crane Technical High School and enlisted in the Navy in 1944; he saw action in the Pacific and helped transport troops home from Europe after the war; and

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WHEREAS, Throughout his career he worked in the printing industry and served in every capacity from pressman to production supervisor; and

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WHEREAS, Louis Bitto was a caring husband and extraordinary father; he encouraged his children's participation in sports, attended hundreds of Carmel High School football games, and served as coach for the Gagewood Lions Club Little League for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Bitto will be remembered for his open and generous personality, his sense of humor, his resourcefulness and ingenuity, his commitment to doing his best, his absolute integrity, and his love of babies; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Louis H. Bitto will be deeply felt by all who knew him, especially his wife, Mary Bitto; his sister, Arlene Bitto; his daughter, Christine Bitto; his sons, Louis Anthony (Linda) Bitto, Ronald (Constance) Bitto, Thomas (Doreen) Bitto, Steven (Maureen) Bitto, Michael (Patricia) Bitto, Mark (Carol) Bitto, Matthew Bitto, Andrew (Katherine) Bitto, Mitchell (Barbara) Bitto, and Alexander

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1 (Kelly) Bitto; his grandchildren, Benjamin, Nicholas, Mark,
2 Joseph, Evan, Andrew, Gabriel, Tracy, Cody, Corryn, Claire,
3 Peter, Jack, Ryan, Jaclyn, Madeline, and Abigail Bitto, Steve
4 (Camille), David (Tammy) and Kim Mueller, Michael and
5 Christopher Koziol, Sarah and Zachary Long, Lee Johnston and
6 Todd Doyle; and his great-grandchildren, Eric Ross, and
7 Megan, Devin, and Kayleigh Mueller; he was preceded in death
8 by his grandfather and role model, Louis Forgue; his mother,
9 Albertine Forgue Bitto; his sisters, Elizabeth Bitto Seeliger
10 and Barbara Bitto Rollins; and his daughter, Louise Bitto
11 Long; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 all who knew him, the death of Louis H. Bitto of Wildwood,
15 Illinois; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Louis H. Bitto with our sincere
18 condolences.