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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 Jesse Charles Flores Sr. of Peoria, who passed away on March 17, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Flores was born in Joliet to Jose Flores and Carmen Rodriguez-Flores on April 30, 1931; he married Mary Martha Lee in Peoria on May 27, 1950; he served with the United States Army in 1952 during the Korean War; later, he was part of the 371st Army Band and was honorably discharged in 1954; he received two Bronze Service Stars, one United Nations Medal, one National Defense Medal, one Korean Service Medal, and one Good Conduct Medal; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Flores enjoyed music and teaching, which led to the opening of the Pekin Academy of Music in 1957, where in the 1960s, he sponsored weekend dances; he changed the name to Flores Music and opened a second location in Peoria Heights; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Flores formed the Jesse Flores Band, and was the house band at the Jerry Lewis Telethons; they also played at numerous special events throughout Central Illinois; he donated generously to numerous charities in Mexico and was very committed to his Catholic faith; he loved to teach his music

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1 students, go on family vacations, and attend weekly family
2 gatherings and Saturday Mass; his students were a large part of
3 his life; and

4 WHEREAS, Jesse Flores was preceded in death by his wife,
5 Mary; his mother, Carmen; his father, Jose; his sister, Carmen
6 Flores; four brothers-in-law; a sister-in-law; his
7 daughter-in-law, Jennifer Davidson-Flores; and his
8 granddaughter, Renee Flores; and

9 WHEREAS, Jesse Flores is survived by his sons, Jesse
10 (Janell) Flores Jr., Michael (Beth) Flores, Tony (Karah)
11 Flores, Victor (Lori) Flores, and Martin Flores; his daughters,
12 Linda Flores Waldron, and Rebecca (Tom) Frakes; 14
13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; his daughter-in-law,
14 Julie Devine; his son-in-law, Rick Waldron; and several nieces
15 and nephews; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Jesse Charles Flores Sr., and extend our sincere condolences to
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Jesse Flores as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.