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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 Raymond S. "Ray" Cachares of Springfield, who passed away on May 14, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Cachares was born to David and June (Zilis) Cachares on January 1, 1954, the first baby of 1954 in the Roseland area on the far south side of Chicago; he received his professional education at Loyola University, the Illinois Institute of Technology, and the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Dedicated to public service, Ray Cachares was well-respected in his early roles at the Chicago Crime Commission and the City of Chicago; he then moved downstate to serve in the City of Springfield budget office; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Cachares organized the first Springfield St. Patrick's Day parade, which is still held annually; he was also responsible for organizing LincolnFest, which was held many summers in the Capitol Square area in the 1980s; he was instrumental in forming the first United Cerebral Palsy service office in Springfield along with philanthropic efforts for United Cerebral Palsy; he served on the National Board of Directors and received the President's Award in 1998; he was a

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1 founding member of the annual Blue Chip Gala, which still
2 continues to assist fundraising for United Cerebral Palsy; and

3 WHEREAS, Ray Cachares moved back to Chicago and was
4 appointed Commissioner of the Bureau of Streets and Sanitation;
5 he transitioned to overseeing programming, staffing, and
6 operations at Navy Pier; he then served 15 years as the
7 Director of Business Services for the Secretary of State in
8 Springfield and retired in March of 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, Ray Cachares was heavily involved with the Boy
10 Scouts, first as an Eagle Scout and then with the Exploring
11 Program; he served in local and regional positions and then on
12 the National Explorer Cabinet; and

13 WHEREAS, Ray Cachares enjoyed cooking, especially
14 grilling, and feeding his family and friends at his Springfield
15 home; he enjoyed traveling the world and was an avid fan of
16 college football and the Chicago Bears; and

17 WHEREAS, Ray Cachares possessed a work ethic and the
18 motivation for improving the quality and efficiency of all
19 workers under his direction; he cared deeply for those whom he
20 managed and worked to inspire them, never forgetting to
21 acknowledge a job well done; and

1 WHEREAS, Ray Cachares was preceded in death by his parents
2 and his brother, David; and

3 WHEREAS, Ray Cachares is survived by his spouse of 22
4 years, Richard Martineau; his sister, Lou Ann; his brother,
5 George (Carol); his nieces and nephews, David, Ruth, Anna,
6 Julia, and Benjamin; and his great-nephews, Cohen and David
7 Alex; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Raymond S. "Ray" Cachares and extend our sincere condolences to
11 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Ray Cachares as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.