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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 Hormaz Minoocher Vania, who passed away on March 3, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Hormaz Vania, the son of Minoocher and Manijeh Vania, was born on December 24, 1934; he attended Coyne Electrical School in Chicago; he received a bachelor's degree in electrical and mechanical engineering from Indiana Institute of Technology in Fort Wayne, Indiana; he earned a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from Southern Illinois University Carbondale; he also studied music at Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) and Sangamon State University, known today as the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS); and

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WHEREAS, Hormaz Vania founded Vania Engineering, Inc. in 1967, where he served as president and principal electrical, mechanical, and environmental professional engineer; his company undertook a number of noteworthy projects, including working on the Lincoln Tomb, the Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices, LLCC, and UIS; he also taught engineering at LLCC and UIS; and

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WHEREAS, Hormaz Vania and his wife, Yasmin H. Vania, were founders and members of the Zoroastrian Association of

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1 Metropolitan Chicago, founding members of the World
2 Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce (WZCC), and observers to the
3 drafting of the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of
4 North America (FEZANA) constitution; they were also donors to
5 the Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Hormaz Vania was a Master Mason of Tyrian Masonic
7 Lodge #333, and he was the recipient of its 50 Years of
8 Faithful Service Award; he was a founder of Springfield's
9 Ethnic Festival and various Asian and Indian Associations; he
10 was an honorary life member of the National Republican Party;
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12 WHEREAS, Hormaz Vania was a skilled accordion and piano
13 player who delighted many with his passion for music; and

14 WHEREAS, Hormaz Vania was always cheerful and had an
15 unending sense of humor; he will be remembered as a noble,
16 gracious, brilliant, and caring person; and

17 WHEREAS, Hormaz Vania was preceded in death by his
18 brother, Rustom Vania, and his sister-in-law, Gulzarine Vania;
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20 WHEREAS, Hormaz Vania is survived by his wife; his
21 children, Natalie, Ivan, and Rustomji; his brother, Luke

1 (Ginny) Vania; his sister, Kamal R. (Rohinton) Tengra; his
2 son-in-law, Rusi D. Gandhi; his daughter-in-law, Crystal
3 Vania; and his granddaughter, Asha R. Gandhi; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Hormaz Minoocher Vania and extend our sincere condolences to
7 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Hormaz Vania as an expression of our
11 deepest sympathy.