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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the deaths of Edward and Ernestine Nedza, who passed away on January 24, 2018 and February 6, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Edward Nedza, who as an Illinois State Senator, Chicago 31st Ward Democratic Committeeman, and U.S. Navy Veteran, dedicated many years of his life to serving his city, state, and country; and

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WHEREAS, Edward Nedza was born to Polish immigrants on July 26, 1927 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17; he was a Corpsman attached to a Marine Corps unit and reached the rank of Petty Officer 1st Class; he served in the Philippines, Guiuan Eastern Samar, and Okinawa; and

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WHEREAS, Upon returning to Chicago from his military service, Edward Nedza began a small business delivering butter, cheese, and eggs to customers in his neighborhood; and

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WHEREAS, Edward Nedza continued his public service in various roles in city government, including years as 31st Ward Democratic Committeeman and eventually becoming first deputy commissioner of the Department of Aviation under Mayor Michael Bilandic; and

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1           WHEREAS, Edward Nedza served Illinois as a State Senator in  
2 the 19th District from 1979 to 1987; his legislative  
3 accomplishments in Springfield included creating a state  
4 advisory council to increase graduation rates at public  
5 schools, improving the fairness of assessment tests for  
6 Hispanic students, strengthening gun laws prohibiting the sale  
7 of firearms to minors, enhancing protections of restricted  
8 areas at airports, and designating the first Monday in March as  
9 a state holiday in honor of Casimir Pulaski's birthday; and

10           WHEREAS, Edward Nedza married his beloved wife, Ernestine  
11 "Tina" Nedza on February 19, 1955 and they raised two children,  
12 Jim and Kathy; together, they enjoyed nearly 63 years of  
13 marriage, friendship, and many games of gin rummy; and

14           WHEREAS, Edward Nedza is survived by his children, Jim  
15 (Mitch) Nedza and Kathy (Steve) Buhe; his cherished  
16 grandchildren, Elizabeth (Ross) Buhe and Jonathan (Cristina)  
17 Buhe; his great-granddaughter, Isabella Buhe; many nieces and  
18 nephews; and his extended family of friends; therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21 Edward and Ernestine Nedza, and extend our sincere condolences  
22 to their family, friends, and all who knew and loved them; and

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Edward and Ernestine Nedza as an  
4 expression of our deepest sympathy.