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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 Lenin "Doc" Pellegrino on May 3, 2018 at the age of 92; and

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WHEREAS, Lenin Pellegrino was born on August 27, 1925 in Chicago to Italian parents; and

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WHEREAS, Lenin Pellegrino obtained both his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Lenin Pellegrino was a 10th Mountain Division ski trooper stationed in Italy during World War II and was awarded two Purple Hearts for his service there; and

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WHEREAS, Lenin Pellegrino practiced medicine in Chicago for over three decades, where he had offices in Garfield Park, Oak Park, and Austin; he often did not charge patients who could not afford to pay the fee; and

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WHEREAS, Lenin Pellegrino was an outspoken civil rights activist throughout his entire life, marching with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the 1960s; he also served as a physician for Dr. King's health clinic in North Lawndale, where he provided free medical care against the wishes of the American Medical

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1 Association; and

2 WHEREAS, Lenin Pellegrino founded the Kingston Mines in
3 1968, transforming it into one of Chicago's most famed blues
4 clubs; Kingston Mines has attracted the greatest blues
5 performers in Chicago, as well as several celebrity patrons,
6 throughout the years; and

7 WHEREAS, Lenin Pellegrino was a longtime, active member of
8 the Third Unitarian Church in Austin, and was known as an
9 incredibly charitable man, raising money for causes that were
10 important to him; he hosted fundraisers for the Pathfinders
11 Prevention Education Fund and was recognized for helping the
12 organization provide HIV/AIDS prevention education,
13 counseling, and training for African-Americans living on the
14 West Side of Chicago; and

15 WHEREAS, Lenin Pellegrino was a loving father to his
16 children Laura, Donna, Frank, and Lisa; and

17 WHEREAS, Lenin Pellegrino is survived by his children,
18 Laura, Donna, Frank, and Lisa; his nieces and nephews; and
19 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Lenin "Doc" Pellegrino, and extend our sincere condolences to
2 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Lenin Pellegrino as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.