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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 J. Perez, who passed away on November 27, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Perez was born in Moline to Jose and Francisca (Cervantes) Perez on August 6, 1924; he served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years and earned the rank of chief petty officer; during his military service, he married Reiko Ida in Sasebo, Nagasaki, Japan, and she preceded him in death in February 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Upon retiring from the U.S. Navy, Jesse Perez began his career at the Rock Island Arsenal and worked there for 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Perez was known for his generous heart, for sharing his wisdom, and for being an advocate for civil and humanitarian rights; he belonged to the American G.I. Forum, which is dedicated to addressing problems of discrimination and inequities endured by Hispanic veterans; he was a member of numerous community organizations, but he was especially committed to the Floreciente neighborhood; his love for the community was only surpassed by his love for family, especially his grandsons; he will be remembered for

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1 encouraging all he met to be their better selves; and

2 WHEREAS, Jesse Perez was preceded in death by his parents;
3 his wife; his sisters, Manuela (Nellie) Sanchez, Jane Pena,
4 Rose Mary Foster, and Isabella Perez; his brothers, Seferino
5 (Don) Perez, Rufus (Buck) Perez, and Gregoria Perez; and

6 WHEREAS, Jesse Perez is survived by his daughter, Franki
7 (Phil) Cunningham; his grandsons, Nick (Alexandra) Cunningham
8 and Alex (Amber) Cunningham; his great-grandson, Miles
9 Cunningham; and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Jesse J. Perez and extend our sincere condolences to his
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Jesse Perez as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.