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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Judge Ramón Manuel Escapa of
4 Rushville, who passed away on June 19, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Escapa was born to Angel Luis Escapa Matos
6 and Maria Aponte in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico on December 24,
7 1979; he was raised in Schuyler County; he graduated from
8 Rushville High School in 1998; he married Michelle Ann Thomas
9 at the Schuyler County Courthouse in Rushville on February 6,
10 2003; he received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
11 from Western Illinois University in 2004; he earned his Juris
12 Doctor from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 2008;
13 he was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 2009; he served in the
14 U.S. Army National Guard for 12 years and had currently been
15 serving as an officer of the JAG Corps; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Escapa previously served as a deputy for
17 the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office and as a police officer
18 for the Beardstown Police Department; he also formerly taught
19 English as a Second Language in Beardstown; and

20 WHEREAS, Judge Escapa became a partner in the law firm of
21 Lucie, Scalf, Escapa & Graham in Macomb in May 2009; and

1 WHEREAS, Judge Escapa was elected as state's attorney of
2 Schuyler County in 2012; he was twice reelected before he was
3 appointed to circuit judge in 2020; he was currently serving
4 as a judge in the Eighth Judicial Circuit at the time of his
5 passing; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Escapa was a member of the St. Rose of Lima
7 Catholic Church in Rushville; he was also a member of Ride
8 Illinois, the Schuyler County 22 Club, the Knights of
9 Columbus, Rushville Masonic Lodge #9, the Illinois Bar
10 Association, and the Illinois Latino Judges Association; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Escapa was preceded in death by his father;
12 his paternal grandfather, Luis Escapa Negron; his maternal
13 grandmother, Cecilia Oritz Braceti; and his maternal
14 grandfather, Ramón Aponte Betancourt; and

15 WHEREAS, Judge Escapa is survived by his wife of almost 20
16 years, Michelle; his mother; his paternal grandmother, Isabel
17 Matos Escapa; his children, Isaac Manuel Escapa, Isaiah Ramón
18 Escapa, Isabel Marie Escapa, and Ian Luis Escapa; his brother,
19 Luis Escapa; his half sisters, Angely Escapa and Valery Pratt;
20 his half brothers, Christian Escapa and Jacob Clayton; his
21 stepbrother, Kyle Clayton; his special aunt, Luisabel Escapa;
22 and his numerous other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and
23 cousins; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Judge Ramón Manuel Escapa and extend our sincere condolences
4 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Judge Escapa as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.