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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to thank State Senator Antonio "Tony" Muñoz for his 23 years of service to the 1st Senate District as a member of the Illinois General Assembly; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz grew up in the Pilsen and Little Village communities of Chicago, where, at an early age, he developed a passion for bettering the lives of his family members and others; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz trained at the U.S. Army Airborne School, where he learned the importance of motivation and dedication; he proceeded to serve in the U.S. Army with the 82nd Airborne Division; and

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WHEREAS, During his tenure in the General Assembly, Senator Muñoz prioritized practical legislation rather than political agendas, making him well known as a senator who could work with members on both sides of the aisle; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz sponsored nearly 2000 bills, with more than 800 being signed into law; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz passed laws to ensure military

1 service members have rights, protections, opportunities when
2 returning to civilian life, and sufficient resources for their
3 mental and physical health; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz, while working as a Chicago police
5 officer and seeing firsthand that crime and gang activity were
6 tearing apart his community, focused on keeping children in
7 schools and off the streets by working to procure funding for
8 after-school programs, making it a crime for street gangs to
9 recruit on school grounds, and making it illegal for a sex
10 offender to live within 500 feet of a school, park, daycare, or
11 child facility; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz concentrated on aiding law
13 enforcement officials, creating the Law Enforcement Officer
14 Bulletproof Vest Act that sets standards for bulletproof vests
15 worn by officers to ensure protection and safety; he also
16 fought to protect first responders by spearheading a number of
17 measures that tightened Scott's Law to protect first
18 responders on the side of the road; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz has been a strong supporter of law
20 enforcement officials and their families, expanding the use of
21 Police Memorial grant dollars to include scholarships for
22 spouses of fallen police officers; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz has long been an advocate for
2 extending state procurement opportunities to minorities,
3 women, veterans, and people with disabilities by voting to
4 increase the minimum wage numerous times and supporting the
5 ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz co-founded the Latino Caucus, which
7 consists of members in the Illinois Senate and the Illinois
8 House of Representatives working to develop and pass
9 legislation that has a positive impact on the lives of the over
10 two million Latinos living in Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz co-sponsored and supported historic
12 legislation, overhauling the State's education funding formula
13 to provide fair funding for all schools, and he was the lead
14 sponsor for the initiative to give in-state tuition to all
15 students residing in Illinois; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz worked to give job applicants
17 greater opportunities, sponsoring a notable measure that
18 requires an employer or employment agency to wait until an
19 applicant has been selected for an interview or until after a
20 conditional job offer has been extended before inquiring
21 about, considering, or requiring disclosure of criminal
22 history; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz served as the Senate Assistant
2 Majority Leader since 2009 and chaired the Licensed
3 Activities, Transportation, Executive Appointments, and
4 Veterans Affairs Committees; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz received numerous awards of
6 appreciation and for leadership, including Legislator of the
7 Year, for his dedication and hard work to the 1st Senate
8 District and the State; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz decided to resign from the Illinois
10 Senate after 23 years of service to the 1st Senate District and
11 the people of Illinois, during which he established himself as
12 a knowledgeable, pragmatic, and committed public servant; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Muñoz's future plans include supporting
14 causes about which he is passionate and spending more time
15 with his family; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank State Senator
18 Antonio "Tony" Muñoz for his dedicated service to the people
19 of Illinois and for his significant contributions to the
20 State, and we wish him the best in his future endeavors; and be
21 it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Senator Muñoz as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.