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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 George Alexander Terzian of Park Ridge, who passed away on March 3, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, George Terzian was born to Alexander and Margaret Terzian on June 10, 1932; he was raised in the West Pullman neighborhood of Chicago and graduated from Fenger Academy High School; he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served four years during the Korean War, traveling to many places with his favorites being Japan, where he learned to converse in the language, Guam, where he played football and made many lifelong friends, and San Diego and San Francisco, where he spent shore leaves with his California cousins; and

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WHEREAS, George Terzian attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on a football scholarship and the GI Bill; he received a degree in physical education and earned a master's degree in physical education and kinesiology; he also received a master's degree in counseling from DePaul University; and

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WHEREAS, George Terzian taught physical education, driver education, and health and coached a variety of sports, including football, wrestling, and track and field; he spent

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1 the majority of his career working at Maine East High School in  
2 Park Ridge from 1966 to 1994, where he was a pioneer in the  
3 development of curriculum for SPED-PE, physical education for  
4 students with disabilities; he also worked at the Skokie  
5 Health Department, Bement High School, Wilber Wright College  
6 in Chicago, Maine South High School, and numerous summer  
7 camps; and

8 WHEREAS, George Terzian was inducted into the Illinois  
9 High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2005;  
10 his high athletic standards helped many individuals and teams  
11 reach the championship level; and

12 WHEREAS, George Terzian enjoyed numerous sports in which  
13 he participated and held a variety of hobbies and interests,  
14 including telling stories and jokes, woodworking, baking  
15 baklava from scratch, amusement parks, vegetable, flower and  
16 landscape gardening, classic films, comedy, chess, poetry,  
17 piano, singing, the theater, and traveling to visit friends;  
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19 WHEREAS, George Terzian was preceded in death by his wife,  
20 Marjorie; his parents; his brother, Charles Terzian; and his  
21 sisters, Rose Hovsepian, Mary Kirishian, and Caroline Winter;  
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1           WHEREAS, George Terzian was the father of Elle Margaret  
2           (Richard) Scholwin and Shelley Marie Terzian; the brother of  
3           Beverly Miller; and the uncle, great-uncle, and  
4           great-great-uncle of many nephews and nieces; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
6           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7           George Alexander Terzian and extend our sincere condolences to  
8           his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
9           further

10          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11          presented to the family of George Terzian as an expression of  
12          our deepest sympathy.