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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 Jesus Gabriel Martinez of Chatham, formerly of Springfield, who passed away on February 21, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, He was born March 24, 1932, in Havana, Cuba, to Bernandino and Berta Storch Martinez; in 1959 he married Carman O. Casanova in Havana; he graduated from the University of Havana with a degree in accounting and worked for the Cuban government as a CPA prior to it becoming a communist country; and

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WHEREAS, After the Cuban revolution in 1962, Jesus was able to immigrate to the United States, where he joined the United States Army; during the Cuban Missile Crisis, he was stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina; when Carman was able to emigrate from Cuba, they lived in Florida temporarily; and

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WHEREAS, Due to political unrest and unavailability of his educational documents, Jesus chose to attend Indiana State University in Terre Haute where he earned his B.A. in Education; following his graduation, he and his wife moved to Springfield where, at Jefferson Middle School, he began his 30-year Spanish teaching career with Springfield School

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1 District #186; he also worked for H & R Block; and

2 WHEREAS, During his years of teaching, he lived in
3 Springfield and was a member of the Douglas Avenue Methodist
4 Church as well as El Grupo Latino, for which he played the
5 bongo drums; using his training in the United States Army, he
6 enjoyed fixing things; upon retiring in 1995, he moved to
7 Chatham and became a member of Chatham United Methodist Church;
8 throughout his life, he enjoyed his family, listening to music,
9 dancing, going to the beach with family, and looking forward to
10 cooking his traditional lechon assado (roast pork) every
11 Christmas; and

12 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his wife, Carman; his
13 brother, Raul; and his sister, Edilia; and

14 WHEREAS, Jesus Martinez is survived by his daughters, Patty
15 (Bob) Lanser and Ivonne Martinez (husband, Tsen Chung Kang);
16 his grandchildren, Haley, Olivia, Sophie, Jack, Christopher,
17 Jonathan, and Emily to whom he was known as abuelo (grandfather
18 in Spanish); and his sister, Berta; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
21 his family and friends, the passing of Jesus Martinez; and be
22 it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Jesus Martinez as a symbol of our
3 sincere sympathy.