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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 Joseph Rago of Geneva, who passed away on November 13, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Rago was born on September 25, 1960, in Chicago; his parents were Michael and Maria (Nardella) Rago; he married Nanci Partlo on September 6, 1987, in Oak Park; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Rago graduated from Broadview Academy in LaFox in 1978; he earned his bachelor's degree in history and economics from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan and his law degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology/Chicago Kent College of Law; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Rago was employed as an assistant state's attorney for Kane County and as a first assistant state's attorney for DeKalb County before opening up his own practice in 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Rago was the founder and the first president of the Kane County Justinian Society of Lawyers; he was the recipient of the Leonardo da Vinci Jurisprudence Award of Excellence from the Order Sons of Italy in America; and

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1 WHEREAS, Joseph Rago enjoyed history, discussing current
2 events and politics, watching the Chicago Bears, and cooking
3 Italian food from recipes he learned from his mother; and

4 WHEREAS, Joseph Rago was preceded in death by his parents;
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6 WHEREAS, Joseph Rago is survived by his wife, Nanci; his
7 son, Joseph Jr.; his daughters, Abigail and Rachel; his sister,
8 Mary (Jim) Newbold; his brothers, Peter (Rita), Matteo, and
9 Michael (Lori) Rago; and his many nieces and nephews;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
13 his family and friends, the passing of Joseph Rago; and be it
14 further

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