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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 J. Gentile, who passed away on October 10, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in Chicago, grew up on the Near West Side, and was a longtime resident of the Western suburbs his entire life; he was a graduate of St. Ignatius and attended the University of Notre Dame before joining the United States Navy; he served in the South Pacific theater during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, Upon returning from the war, he received a degree in psychology from Loyola University in 1948; he taught briefly at the University, and then began a career as a car salesman; he opened a Chrysler and Plymouth dealership in Barrington in 1985 and was named "the Baron of Barrington"; he retired in 2003; and

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WHEREAS, In 1994, he purchased an Elmhurst radio station and renamed it WJGG-AM, based on his initials; and

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WHEREAS, He was a faithful supporter of St. Ignatius and Loyola; in 1996, the basketball arena at Loyola was named the Joseph J. Gentile Center in his honor; and

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1           WHEREAS, Joseph J. Gentile is survived by his wife, Carol;  
2 therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
5 his family and friends, the passing of Joseph Gentile; and be  
6 it further

7           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Joseph Gentile as a symbol of our  
9 sincere sympathy.