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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 Yancey B. Torrez of Waukegan, who passed away on October 29, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Yancey Torrez was born on February 1, 1923 in Lorraine, Texas; his parents were Mariano and Maria Torrez; he married Amalia Arenas on November 29, 1952 in Waukegan; and

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WHEREAS, Yancey Torrez moved to Waukegan in 1929 at the age of 5, being among the first Mexican families in Lake County; and

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WHEREAS, Yancey Torrez served his country as a member of the United States Navy during World War II, attaining the rank of Seaman First Class; in 1950, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant, and was honorable discharged in 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Yancey Torrez was employed at Abbott Laboratories and Midland Dexter, where he retired after many years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Yancey Torrez was a member of the Marine Corps League Detachment 801, Lake County, IL, where he participated

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1 in parades, honor duty, funeral ceremonies, and other  
2 activities; he also worked with the Kirk Park Neighborhood  
3 Association and was a founding member of Comite Festejo  
4 Mexicanos; he was also a member of the American G.I. Forum and  
5 numerous other veterans groups; and

6 WHEREAS, Yancey Torrez enjoyed hanging out at McDonald's  
7 each morning, inspiring the workers and chatting with his  
8 coffee klatch buddies; he also enjoyed music, woodworking, and  
9 photography; and

10 WHEREAS, Yancey Torrez was preceded in death by his wife,  
11 Amalia; his parents; his brothers, Rafael Torrez and Richard  
12 Torrez; his grandchildren, Rafael Torrez, Jr. and Christina  
13 Torrez; and his son-in-law, Juan J. Valle; and

14 WHEREAS, Yancey Torrez is survived by his children, Rafael  
15 Torrez, Martha Valle, Henry "Rick" (Mildred) Torrez, Yolanda  
16 Torrez (Jose "Joe" Zuniga), Edward (Andrea Terry) Torrez, and  
17 Hector Torrez; 10 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 6  
18 brothers and sisters; and his many nieces, nephews, and  
19 cousins; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
22 family and friends, mourn the passing of Yancey B. Torrez; and

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Yancey Torrez as an expression of  
4 our sympathy.