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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 Salvatore "Sal" Pisano of Peoria, who passed away on February 20, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Salvatore Pisano was born in Brooklyn, New York to Thomas and Millie (Ionadi) Pisano on May 15, 1931; he moved to Peoria with his family at the age of six and attended Peoria parochial grade and high schools; he enlisted in the United States Army in 1950, serving for three years during the Korean War; he was honorably discharged as a Sergeant First Class; he married Bernardine Marme in Peoria on September 3, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Salvatore Pisano joined the Peoria Police Department in February of 1954 and served for 32 years; he began his career as a patrolman, achieving the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain, and was the first Deputy Chief of Police; he was appointed Chief of Police in 1980; he attended the U.S. Secret Service Dignitary Protection School in Washington, D.C. and many other training seminars and special courses; he was a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy, the Northwestern Traffic Institute, and the Senior Management Institute for Police; and

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WHEREAS, Salvatore Pisano served in the Peoria Police

1 Benevolent Association, holding many offices, including  
2 President for seven years; he also served as State Officer in  
3 the Policemen's Benevolent and Protective Association of  
4 Illinois and was director of youth camps for many years,  
5 sending needy boys and girls to summer camp; he held other  
6 offices, including being elected to four terms as President;  
7 during his service with the association, he was also  
8 Legislative Chairman and assisted in drafting and passing "The  
9 Illinois Law Enforcement Training Act", which called for  
10 mandatory training for all law enforcement officers and was  
11 signed into law by Governor Otto Kerner; he was later appointed  
12 to the board, where he was the first police officer from Peoria  
13 and the Tri-County area to serve as Chairman; he was very  
14 instrumental in establishing the I.C.C. and the Peoria County  
15 Jail as regional training facilities; and

16 WHEREAS, During his career in law enforcement, Salvatore  
17 Pisano received many honors and awards; in 1958, he was named  
18 Policeman of the Year and also received the American Legion  
19 Award for outstanding service; he received a commendation from  
20 former Peoria Mayors Richard Neumiller and Richard Carver, and  
21 the Peoria City Council for bravery; the Director of the FBI,  
22 John Edgar Hoover, honored him for his assistance and bravery  
23 in apprehending a suspect during a Peoria area bank robbery;  
24 during his tenure as Chief of the Peoria Police Department, he  
25 and the department were honored by John R. Simpson, Director of

1 the U.S. Secret Service - the first in history of the Peoria  
2 Police Department; he was also honored by the Chicago  
3 Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund for his role in  
4 establishing legislation to support families of officers  
5 killed in the line of duty; he was honored by Superintendent  
6 Fred Rice of the Chicago Police Department, other police  
7 departments in the State, and by three governors, including  
8 Governor James R. Thompson, Governor Richard J. Oglesby, and  
9 Governor Dan Walker, for distinguished service to the people of  
10 the State; he was honored by the Peoria County Chiefs of Police  
11 Association, the Peoria Police Department, and the Illinois Law  
12 Enforcement Training Board; upon his retirement, Governor  
13 James Thompson appointed him to the Illinois Parole and Pardon  
14 Board, where he became the first police officer from the  
15 Tri-County Area to be appointed and serve as a member of that  
16 board; and

17 WHEREAS, Salvatore Pisano was a member of the Knights of  
18 Columbus, Spalding Council 427, Third Degree and Fourth Degree  
19 Spalding Assembly 206; he was also a member of Alhambra, St.  
20 Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and its Men's Club, the  
21 Policemen's Benevolent and Protective Association of Illinois,  
22 and the Peoria Police Benevolent Association; and

23 WHEREAS, Salvatore Pisano was an avid golfer for many years  
24 whose personal approach to the game and competition with

1 teammates and adversaries often included eloquent verbal  
2 expressions in victory and defeat; his unique use of the  
3 English language will be the source of many 19th hole  
4 conversations for many years to come; he was an employee and  
5 fixture at the Peoria Park District Golf Learning Center, where  
6 he "ran the place" and held court for nearly 20 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Salvatore Pisano was preceded in death by his  
8 wife, Bernardine; his parents; his brother, Joe Pisano; his  
9 sister, Mary Sharp; and his daughter, Sallie Ann Pisano; and

10 WHEREAS, Salvatore Pisano is survived by his two sons, Tony  
11 (Ginny) and Dominic (Noelle Natale Pisano); his daughter,  
12 Annette (Jon) Gisi; his three grandsons, Michael (Kahla Abney),  
13 Mario (Jessica), and Nicholas Pisano; his granddaughter,  
14 Nicole (Tom) Elder; his two step-grandchildren, Michael and  
15 Anthony Natale; his great-grandchild, Vivian Kae Pisano; his  
16 twin great-grandchildren expected this summer to Tom and Nicole  
17 Elder; his brother, Nick; and many nieces and nephews;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21 Salvatore "Sal" Pisano, and extend our sincere condolences to  
22 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
23 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Salvatore Pisano as an expression of  
3 our deepest sympathy.