

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincerest condolences to the family and friends
4 of Andrew Farenga, who passed away on July 2, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Andrew Farenga was an unassuming Statehouse
6 lobbyist who represented a public agency whose massive and
7 sprawling works are mostly hidden underground; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Farenga worked for the Metropolitan Water
9 Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, the authority that
10 handles Cook County's waste water; as a head assistant
11 attorney for the agency, he lobbied in Springfield on the
12 merits of upgraded sewers in Cook County; after his
13 retirement in 1990, he counseled the agency's pension fund;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The Deep Tunnel project, for example, benefited
16 from his expertise; looking for ways to finance the 100-mile
17 system of tunnels and reservoirs, Mr. Farenga proved critical
18 in sewing up a portion of funds from the State; and

19 WHEREAS, After retiring in April 1990, Mr. Farenga
20 immediately started work for the water district's pension
21 fund, a job he kept through spring 2002; he spent extra hours
22 poring over figures and found a huge error that was unfairly
23 trimming retiree benefits; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Farenga was the son of Italian immigrants in
25 Chicago; he played quarterback at Crane Technical High School
26 in Chicago, then put himself through DePaul University
27 College of Law, where he graduated in 1953; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Farenga read incessantly; he recently
29 polished off six books on the 2000 presidential election and
30 the controversy that followed; and

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Andrew Farenga will be deeply
2 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife,
3 Dolores; his daughters, Renee Ryan, Cynthia, and Andrea; his
4 brother, Jerry; his sister, Rose LeDonne; and his eight
5 grandchildren; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
8 all who knew him, the death of Andrew Farenga; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Andrew Farenga with our sincere
12 condolences.