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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate Emil Garippo on the occasion of his 100th
4 birthday and thank him for his military service during World
5 War II; and

6 WHEREAS, Emil Garippo was born to immigrant Italian
7 parents and raised in the Chicago neighborhood of Little
8 Italy; and

9 WHEREAS, Emil Garippo enlisted in the U.S. military during
10 World War II in 1944, joining his brother, Mike, who was
11 deployed overseas; and

12 WHEREAS, After serving in World War II, Emil Garippo's
13 arrival home led him to meeting his future wife of 74 years,
14 Dean Ruggs; and

15 WHEREAS, Emil Garippo followed his late brother's lead and
16 entered college, graduating with a degree in education from
17 DePaul University in 1949 and later earning his master's
18 degree; in doing so, he became among the earliest Americans to
19 benefit from the G.I. Bill and the first in his family to earn
20 a college degree; and

1 WHEREAS, Emil Garippo started teaching in Chicago, rising
2 to assistant principal of Spalding High School, one of the
3 nation's first public schools for children with disabilities;
4 noted by administrators for his talent, he was brought to the
5 central office to help oversee citywide transportation; and

6 WHEREAS, Emil Garippo and his family moved to Elmhurst in
7 1951; within a few years, much of his extended family
8 followed, including his parents and his sister's family; now,
9 many generational relatives live in the area thanks to him;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Emil Garippo still works out daily, with a break
12 on weekends, spending 20 minutes on his stationary bike before
13 completing a series of yoga-like exercises; he has never
14 undergone surgery and only started using a walker and hearing
15 aids in the last few years; and

16 WHEREAS, Emil Garippo watches the news and sports every
17 day, but he mostly enjoys spending time with his children,
18 four grandchildren, and now two great-grandchildren, wishing
19 them all to have a good life and to do the right thing;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Emil

1 Garippo on his 100th birthday, thank him for his military
2 service and sacrifice to the United States of America, and
3 wish him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Emil Garippo as an expression of our esteem and
7 respect.