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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 Vincent J. Speranza of Auburn, who passed away on August 2, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Vincent Speranza was born to Francesco and Francesca (Perratori) Speranza in Manhattan, New York on March 23, 1925; he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943 and fought with the H Company, 501 PIR, 101st Airborne Division in the European Theater in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II; he married Iva Leftwich in New York in 1948; and

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WHEREAS, Vincent Speranza taught history at Curtis High School; he served as a union representative for the Illinois Education Association as well as several labor unions in Springfield from 1971 to 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Vincent Speranza wrote a memoir about his World War II experience and participated in numerous speaking engagements for veterans and active military groups; and

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WHEREAS, Vincent Speranza enjoyed life and traveled extensively in his last decade, making many new friends; he loved sharing stories, playing his harmonica, and singing songs, many times with an accompanying scotch and a cigar; and

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1           WHEREAS, Vincent Speranza was preceded in death by his  
2 wife and his daughter, Susan Erwin Pietrangelo; and

3           WHEREAS, Vincent Speranza is survived by his son, Vince  
4 (Tracy) Speranza; his daughter, Kathy (Jim) Wilson; his  
5 grandchildren; his great-grandchildren; his sisters, Rosemarie  
6 Rich and Connie Beer; and his brother, Al Speranza; therefore,  
7 be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
10 Vincent J. Speranza and extend our sincere condolences to his  
11 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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13           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Vincent Speranza as an expression  
15 of our deepest sympathy.