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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 2 3 learn of the death of John G. Machonga, who passed away on March 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, John Machonga was born on November 3, 1929, to 5 6 John and Rozalia (nee Ptasinski) Machonga; he served during the 7 Korean War (1951-1953) with the 101st Airborne Division, 506th 8 Regiment, Company B; and

WHEREAS, John Machonga was recognized nationally as a leading professional in the area of quality control management, and he helped numerous immigrants with limited formal education establish careers in quality assurance; and

WHEREAS, John Machonga enjoyed sitting with his and his son's dogs, Taffy, Shadrack, Jake, and Lucy, traveling with his family across the U.S. to see such places as the White House, Colorado, Maine, and other states, and making large Sunday breakfasts for the family; he took his sons to see the Bears, Blackhawks, Cubs, and White Sox, taught his children how to bowl and ride a horse, watched his grandson play numerous sports, and enjoyed eating Polish food; he valued education and made sure to pass that on to his children; and

- 1 WHEREAS, John Machonga has joined departed parents,
- 2 brothers, sisters, and good friend, Mimi O'Connell; and
- 3 WHEREAS, John Machonga was the beloved husband of the late
- 4 Helen F. (nee Pacella); the fond father of Susan J. (Chris)
- 5 Nash, Gary J. (Joan) Machonga, and John (Lydia) Machonga; proud
- 6 grandfather of John Anthony Machonga; and he leaves behind
- 7 numerous nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, and brothers-in-law;
- 8 therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
- 10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 11 John Machonga, and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 13 further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- presented to the family of John Machonga as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.