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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 Theodore "Ted" Sarantos of Oak Park, who passed away on June 8, 2025 at the age of 88; and

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WHEREAS, Ted Sarantos was born in Elkhart, Indiana on November 11, 1936; and

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WHEREAS, Ted Sarantos lived a life deeply rooted in the arts and dedicated to inspiring others through his passion for theater and film; and

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WHEREAS, Ted Sarantos was a graduate of Columbia College Chicago's theater program; and

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WHEREAS, Ted Sarantos taught at both the Art Institute of Chicago's Goodman School of Drama and Columbia College Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Ted Sarantos spent much of his career running a thriving acting studio in Chicago and later Oak Park; and

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WHEREAS, Ted Sarantos was a devoted acting teacher and director who spent his life nurturing talent in his hundreds of students, showing an unwavering commitment to teaching, and

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1 bringing both knowledge and enthusiasm into every studio space  
2 he entered through an influence that left an indelible mark on  
3 those fortunate enough to learn from him; and

4 WHEREAS, Ted Sarantos was preceded in death by his son,  
5 Alex; and

6 WHEREAS, Ted Sarantos, at the time of his passing, was  
7 survived by his wife, DeLacy; his daughters, Cricket and Kate;  
8 his stepchildren, Kevin and Raina; his grandchildren, Cricket,  
9 Samantha, Max, Lindsay, Liam, Ashton and Wesley; his siblings,  
10 Pat, Leon and John; and numerous great-grandchildren;  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 Theodore "Ted" Sarantos and extend our sincere condolences to  
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Ted Sarantos as an expression of our  
19 deepest sympathy.