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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 Hector Edelmiro Colon of Moline, who passed away on May 13, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Hector Colon was born at home in the mountain town of Penuelas, Puerto Rico to Edelmiro Colon and Carmen Colon Lugo on April 10, 1940; he moved to Chicago with his family in 1950 and graduated from the University of Illinois-Chicago; he graduated from Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia and went on to proudly serve in Vietnam; in January 5, 1968, his platoon of 32 men came under attack; he led his men in a battle, during which seven were killed and many were wounded; for his bravery and dedication to duty, he received the Distinguished Service Cross, the United States Army's second-highest award for valor; he married Margaret Clark in Honolulu, Hawaii, on March 1, 1968; and

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WHEREAS, Upon returning to civilian life, Hector Colon began a 35-year career of government service; he retired from the Rock Island Arsenal in 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Hector Colon was inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame on May 8, 2017; and

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1 WHEREAS, Hector Colon enjoyed dancing, golfing and
2 bowling, along with listening to his collection of hundreds of
3 Spanish LPs and CDs; for many years, he hosted a Sunday
4 afternoon radio show featuring his "oldies" on KALA, St.
5 Ambrose College; and

6 WHEREAS, Hector Colon is survived by his wife, Margaret;
7 his sons, Michael and David; his grandson, Sam; his brother,
8 Javiel (Nina); his sister-in-law, Almeda (Rene) Arcos; his
9 niece, Joanne (Patrick) McKay; his nephew, Nikolay Arcos; and
10 his many cousins in Puerto Rico, including his "prima hermana,"
11 Keiri Fornes-Lugo; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Hector Edelmiro Colon and extend our sincere condolences to his
15 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 Hector Colon as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.