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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 Gabriel V. "Ben" Moreno of Joliet, who passed away on May 31, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Ben Moreno was born in Osceola, Arkansas to Angel and Lucy (Venegas) Moreno on December 28, 1944; he was a lifelong resident of Joliet and graduated from Joliet Central High School; he attended Joliet Junior College; he was a decorated Vietnam War Veteran; he served as a Paratrooper with the 173rd Airborne in the United States Army, where he earned many medals, including two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts; and

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WHEREAS, Ben Moreno was an interpreter for the Will County Courthouse and retired in September 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Ben Moreno was well known and respected in the community for his work as a community activist and his willingness to help those in need, especially troubled kids; as a boxing coach with the Joliet Park District, he dedicated over four decades to coaching and mentoring youth, keeping them off of the street and out of trouble; many of those he coached and mentored credit him with their success; and

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1           WHEREAS, Ben Moreno was preceded in death by his parents;  
2 his wife of 47 years, Jacqueline M. "Jackie" (Toth) Moreno; his  
3 daughter, Virginia Moreno; his son, Michael A. Moreno; and his  
4 siblings, Joe and Moses Moreno; and

5           WHEREAS, Ben Moreno is survived by his children, "Bucky"  
6 (Meghan) Moreno and Thomas "Boo" (Karin) Moreno; his 12  
7 grandchildren; his siblings, Tony (Mary) Moreno and Santos  
8 (Peggy) Moreno; and his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and  
9 friends; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 Gabriel V. "Ben" Moreno and extend our sincere condolences to  
13 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
14 further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Ben Moreno as an expression of our  
17 deepest sympathy.