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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 Jose Del Carmen Velazquez, who passed away on February 2, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Jose Velazquez was born in New Orleans to Jose Maria and Antonia Paltron Velazquez on August 11, 1937; as a young boy, he served daily Mass at the Convent of the Sisters of The Holy Family in the French Quarter of New Orleans; he graduated with honors from Holy Redeemer Elementary School and St. Augustine High School; after high school, he served with the United States Air Force in Vietnam; and

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WHEREAS, Jose Velazquez began work for the State of Illinois at the employment office in Danville; he became the manager and mentored numerous young men and women; he also served as an alderman for the City of Danville; and

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WHEREAS, Jose Velazquez was a member of VFW Post #728, the Honor Guard, the Salvation Army Board, the American Red Cross, the Knights of Columbus, Meals on Wheels, the Food Bank, and the Kiwanis; he was the lead usher and a Eucharistic Minister at St. Paul's Catholic Church; and

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WHEREAS, Jose Velazquez was a man who did not have a mean

1 bone in his body; he was a warm friendly man who made his mark
2 in the world by the basic goodness and generosity of his
3 character; and

4 WHEREAS, Jose Velazquez enjoyed traveling with his father,
5 his brothers, and his wife on trips to Venezuela; and

6 WHEREAS, Jose Velazquez was preceded in death by his wife
7 of 47 years, Eloiza; his siblings, Jose Maria, Lawrence
8 (Loria), Philip, and Anna; and his sister-in-law, Grace; and

9 WHEREAS, Jose Velazquez is survived by his stepchildren,
10 Sandra Moore, Dennis Moore, La Tonya Wheeler, and Brenda
11 Morris; 22 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; eight
12 great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and
13 devoted friends, especially Debbie and Marvin Cox; his special
14 friend, Kolleen Assad; and his siblings, Thomas (Linda) and
15 Raphael; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Jose Del Carmen Velazquez and extend our sincere condolences to
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Jose Velazquez as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.