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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 Marvin Gerstein of Urbana, who passed away on February 17, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Gerstein was born to Abe and Ida (Glass) Gerstein in Chicago on February 27, 1940; he earned a degree in accounting from the University of Illinois and then attended law school at DePaul; after graduating, Marvin Gerstein joined the Peace Corps, living in Panama, and then returned to Chicago, where he worked as a criminal-defense and legal-aid lawyer; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Gerstein moved to Champaign-Urbana to lead the University of Illinois's student legal services program; there, he opened his own law firm, building a reputation as a solid lawyer who zealously represented his clients; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Gerstein was a member of the Illinois Bar Association and was a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Gerstein was a published poet; he spent his life fighting for justice and inspired a wide range of reactions on his approach to life; he will be remembered for

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1 his colorful, combative, comic, and sometimes self-defeating  
2 style; and

3 WHEREAS, Marvin Gerstein is survived by his brother, Ronald  
4 (Joy) Gerstein; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Marvin Gerstein and extend our sincere condolences to his  
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Marvin Gerstein as an expression of  
12 our deepest sympathy.