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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 Angel Duran Arias of Joliet, who passed away on July 29, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Angel Arias was born to Rafael and Angelina Arias in Moroleon, Guanajuato, Mexico on April 1, 1955; he emigrated to the United States in 1969, and he began working in the produce fields of Southern California that same year; he married Virginia Refugio on December 29, 1978, and they settled and established their family in Joliet; and

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WHEREAS, Angel Arias possessed an exemplary work ethic that followed him through various employers, including the GAF Materials Corporation, McKesson, and Hollywood Casino, from which he retired in 2021; he also co-owned La Heradura de Joliet with his uncles for some time; and

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WHEREAS, Angel Arias was an active member of the Lienzo Charro Los Nortenos de Joliet in his early adult life; and

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WHEREAS, Angel Arias was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time with his family; and

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WHEREAS, Angel Arias was known for his big heart and his

1 contagious smile; he will be remembered for his laid-back,
2 easygoing demeanor and his mischievous sense of humor; and

3 WHEREAS, Angel Arias is preceded in death by his parents
4 and numerous aunts and uncles; and

5 WHEREAS, Angel Arias is survived by his wife of 45 years,
6 Virginia; his children, Angel (Veronica), Gabriel (Renee
7 Rivera), Raphael (Angelica), and Tanya; three grandchildren;
8 one great-grandson; his siblings, Rafael (Patricia), Jaime
9 (Lourdes), Margarita, Leticia (Renzo), and Miroslavia; and
10 numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Angel Duran Arias 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 Angel Arias as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.