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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate were saddened to learn of the death of Silver Suarez of Springfield on May 4, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Suarez was born June 20, 1913, in Clarksburg, West Virginia, the son of Ramon and Adella Garcia Suarez; he married Laura Papi in 1935 in Springfield; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Suarez worked for the Springfield Police Department in 1941 and 1942 and from 1946-70; he served as chief of police for 11 years and joined the training board, serving as executive director before his retirement in 1980; and

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WHEREAS, He was a United States Marine Corps veteran and received two Purple Hearts for wounds suffered in the battle of Iwo Jima; he attended the 41st session of the FBI National Academy in Washington, D.C.; he was appointed the first chairman of the Local Governmental Law Enforcement Officers Training Board in 1965; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Suarez received the Copley First Citizen Award in 1970; he was a life member and past president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and Police Benevolent and Protective Association Unit 5 and a life member and commander of the Hall Hagler Chapter 15 Disabled American Veterans of Springfield; he served as chairman of the board of Sacred Heart Credit Union and served on the Springfield Civil Service Commission from 1982-95; and he was a member of the Chatham American Legion Post 759 and Christ the King Church, where he was a member of the Usher's Club and Holy Name Society; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Silver Suarez will be deeply felt

1 by many, especially his wife, Laura; his son, Joe (wife, Lana)
2 Suarez; his three grandchildren; and his five
3 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
6 Silver Suarez along with all who knew and loved him and extend
7 our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Silver Suarez as a token of our
11 deepest sympathy.