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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 Louis F. Cainkar of Evergreen Park, who passed away on April 20, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cainkar was born in 1911 in St. Louis, Missouri, the youngest son of Slovene immigrants; he studied law at DePaul University and graduated magna cum laude in 1937; at DePaul he met Ruth Hendershott, who became his wife of more than 60 years; after graduation, Mr. Cainkar joined a law firm, where he handled insurance and personal injury cases, before forming his own firm; and

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WHEREAS, He served in the Marine Corps during World War II, achieving the rank of major; in November of 1943, he fought in the Battle of Tarawa, an island in the Pacific Ocean, where more than 3,000 Marines lost their lives; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cainkar founded his law firm in the newly formed village of Evergreen Park in 1951; h became the village attorney that year and began practicing municipal law; he guided the village through the postwar population boom and the development of one of the nation's first shopping malls, Evergreen Plaza; and

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1           WHEREAS, Mr. Cainkar's firm, including two of his sons,  
2 became one of the more prominent municipal law firms in the  
3 Southland, representing suburbs such as Hickory Hills, Alsip,  
4 and Oak Lawn as well as many park and library districts and  
5 Moraine Valley Community College; and

6           WHEREAS, Louis Cainkar was the son of the Slovene National  
7 Benefit Society President Vincent Cainkar and his wife, the  
8 late Luisa; he was the beloved husband for nearly sixty years  
9 of the late Ruth (Lawler Hendershot) and the loving father of  
10 Vincent (Cathy), Joseph, James (Donna), Louise (Hassan  
11 Mashrah), and Michael (Toni); the beloved grandfather of  
12 Joseph, Brooke, Paul, Craig, Max, Carmen, Ryan, Anwar, and  
13 Walid; the dear brother of Lillian Cainkar Zasadil, Vincent and  
14 Leo Cainkar, and Robert Sannemann; and the fond uncle of Donald  
15 Clarke and Judy Zasadil Nelson; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
18 his family and friends, the passing of Louis Cainkar; and be it  
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20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Louis Cainkar as a symbol of our  
22 sincere sympathy.