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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 James C. Torricelli, Ph.D., of Rochester, who passed away on September 22, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born the youngest of nine children on January 28, 1935 in his home in Tovey, the son of Patrizio Joseph and Virginia Vignocchi Torricelli of Ospitale, Italy; he graduated from Tovey Grade School and Kincaid High School; he earned an associate's degree from Springfield Junior College and his bachelor's degree from Quincy College; he then went on to earn his master's degree from Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) in Kirksville, Missouri, and his Ph.D. at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale; and

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WHEREAS, He proudly served his country in the Army Reserve for eight years and served during the Korean War; he was made an Honorary Colonel of the National Guard; he worked as a teacher and coach and went on to run a vocational school; he then began and ran his own non-profit organization, New Start Inc. for more than 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, He was well rooted in his Italian heritage and was known as a colorful, unique man who was devoted to his family; his word was his life; he was a member of the Cathedral of the

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1 Immaculate Conception; he was also very involved in local and
2 State politics and was a member of the Sangamo Club, Past
3 Member of the Roman Cultural Society, and founding member of
4 the Bulldog Baseball Dugout Club; he loved to travel, read,
5 fish, hunt, cook Italian food, and dance; and

6 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his
7 brothers, Mario, Joseph, William, Fred, and Reno Torricelli;
8 and his nephew, Fred-John Torricelli; and

9 WHEREAS, James Torricelli is survived by his siblings,
10 Wanda (husband, Kenny) Melvin and Robert and John Torricelli;
11 his sisters-in-law, Nancy and JoAnn Torricelli; his loving and
12 devoted fiancée, Cheryl Betty; his daughter, Virginia
13 (husband, Joseph) Bartletti; his sons, James (wife, Karen),
14 Timothy (wife, Mary), Steve (wife, Gina), and Jeffrey
15 Torricelli; his seven grandchildren, Sara, Reece, Bryce,
16 Sofia, Francesca, and Olivia Torricelli and Lauren Blakeman;
17 and his many nieces, nephews, and friends; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 his family and friends, the passing of James C. Torricelli; and
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of James C. Torricelli as a symbol of
2 our sincere sympathy.