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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of George A. Leoni of Melrose Park; and

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WHEREAS, George Leoni was a veteran of the United States  
5 Army and a recipient of the Purple Heart; and

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WHEREAS, George Leoni was the Executive Director of the  
Veterans Park District for 40 years; he was also Proviso  
8 Township's Mental Health Commissioner, a board member of the  
9 Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, Chairman of the  
10 Italo-American National Union, and on the Board of Directors  
11 for the Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center; he also worked with  
12 PARC (Proviso Association for Retarded Children), now known as  
13 ASPIRE; and

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WHEREAS, George Leoni was a member of the Illinois Park and  
Recreation Association, the Disabled American Veterans, the  
Veterans of Foreign Wars, the 33rd World War II Infantry  
Veteran Division, and the Illinois Fire and Police  
Commissioners Association, and was an honorary member of the  
Mickinzie-Vertuno Memorial Fraternal Order of Police Lodge  
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WHEREAS, George Leoni was a sponsor of the Melrose Park

1 Little League and the Flames Hockey Team; and

2 WHEREAS, George Leoni was the dearly beloved husband of the  
3 late Lena (nee Petruzzi); the loving father of Georgia Buvak  
4 and Donna Peluso; the cherished Papa of Carlene (Ken) Greifelt,  
5 Michalene (James) Tjeerdema, Roberta (Christopher) Heintz, and  
6 George (Lauren) and Anthony Peluso; the loving Great Papa of  
7 Jona, Jimmy, Jake, Logan, Bowie, Blaise, and Nico; the dear  
8 brother of Ora (the late Tex) Simon, Madeline (the late Joe)  
9 Belline, the late Richard and Gemma Leoni, the late Vadie  
10 Autry, the late William Leoni, the late Velencia, the late  
11 Alberta and Donald Provenzano, and the late Anita Leoni; the  
12 loving companion of Madeline Pyka; and the fond uncle and  
13 friend of many; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
16 George A. Leoni, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of George Leoni as an expression of our  
21 deepest sympathy.