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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 Donald J. "Donnie" Gasparini of Rockford, who passed away on February 6, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Gasparini was born in Rockford on February 3, 1943 to John and Theresa (nee Zavagnin) Gasparini and lived his entire life in the Rockford area; he graduated from St. Thomas High School in 1960 and married Peggie Hammerstrand in Rockford on June 15, 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Gasparini started his career as a supervisor in the Illinois Secretary of State's office; he eventually served the community as its Sheriff for nearly 18 years before retiring in 1997; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Gasparini enjoyed spending winters in Naples, Florida; he was a member of St. Anthony's Church, the Venetian Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Tebala Shriners and many others; he was inducted into the Italian Hall of Fame and served as President of the Illinois Sheriff's Association; he attended RVC, the FBI Academy, and the Secret Service Academy; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Gasparini was preceded in death by his

1 parents; his brother, Anthony Gasparini; and his close friend,
2 Jerry Tassoni; and

3 WHEREAS, Donald Gasparini is survived by his wife, Peggie;
4 his children, John (Amy) Gasparini, Marc (Cathy) Gasparini,
5 Deanna Gasparini, and Donald (Jamie) Gasparini, Jr.; his
6 grandchildren, Ashley, Franchesca, Sam, Amanda, Bella,
7 Nicholas, Ella, Tess, Geno, Ava, and Joey; his sister, Carolyn
8 (Joseph) Scandroli; his sister-in-law, Loretta Gasparini; his
9 brother-in-law/son, James Hammerstrand; his very special Aunt
10 Rose and Uncle Pep Dal Pra; and several cousins, nieces,
11 nephews, and dear friends; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Donald J. "Donnie" Gasparini, and extend our sincere
15 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
16 him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Donald Gasparini as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.