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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 Rita Camacho of Elgin, who passed away on December 11, 2016 at the age of 98; and

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WHEREAS, Rita Camacho was born in Mexico on December 15, 1917 to Rosalio and Pascuala (Avina) Pompa; she was a member of one of the first six Mexican families to arrive in Elgin; after first going to Denver, Colorado in 1924, she came to Elgin in December of 1926, accompanied by her widowed mother, two brothers, Jesus and Rosendo, and a sister, Jessie; she married Joaquin "Jack" Camacho; and

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WHEREAS, Rita Camacho and her family owned the first Mexican restaurant and first Mexican grocery store in Elgin; she was active in her community, volunteering at many places including Presence Saint Joseph Hospital and the Community Crisis Center; she would always lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it; she was recognized for her contributions to the Hispanic community of Elgin by Club Guadalupano, a civic group associated with St. Joseph parish; and

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WHEREAS, Rita Camacho was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joaquin "Jack" Camacho; her brothers, Fortunato, Jesus, and Rosendo Pompa; and her sisters, Anastacia Flores and

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1 Jessie Patino Vasquez; and

2 WHEREAS, Rita Camacho is survived by her daughters, Mary
3 Camacho and Dolores (Salvador) Camacho; her two sons, Rev.
4 Robert Camacho and Michael (Cynthia) Camacho; her
5 grandchildren, Salvador (Georgianna) Camacho, Mark A. (Pamela)
6 Camacho, Maria T. (Andrew) Harrison, Christina (Jennifer)
7 Robbins, Vincent (Theresa) Camacho, and Victoria Marshall; her
8 great-grandchildren, Michael, Rachael, Alicia, Steven, Lauren,
9 David Jack, Jared, Adam, Maliyah, Evette, and Lila; therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
13 family and friends, mourn the passing of Rita Camacho, and
14 extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all
15 who knew and loved her; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Rita Camacho as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.