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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 Margarita M. Rodriguez of Joliet, who passed away on July 31, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Margarita Rodriguez was born in Rincon de Tamayo, Guanajuato, Mexico to Antonio and Josefa (Melecio) Montoya on January 1, 1925; and

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WHEREAS, Margarita Rodriguez was an active and dedicated member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church and the Grupo Guadalupano; she was a catechist and the church wedding and quinceanera coordinator for many years; she loved coordinating the Profiestas Pageant, teaching waltz to courts of honor, working with brides in making their wedding plans at the church, and instructing Baile Folklorico; and

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WHEREAS, Beginning in 1956, Margarita Rodriguez served alongside her husband, Navor, in chairing the Mexican Independence Celebration and on the Profiestas Patrias committee; she was also a former board member of the Spanish Community Center; and

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WHEREAS, Margarita Rodriguez was a strong, independent, giving, and spiritual woman who promoted leadership, culture,

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1 and tradition throughout her life; she was recognized on many  
2 occasions for her community service and was the recipient of  
3 numerous awards; and

4 WHEREAS, Margarita Rodriguez was preceded in death by her  
5 husband of 49 years, Navor J. Rodriguez; her parents; two  
6 brothers; and two sisters; and

7 WHEREAS, Margarita Rodriguez is survived by her children,  
8 Anthony (Elvira) Rodriguez, Joseph (Abigail) Rodriguez, and  
9 Ayfa Marge (Jorge) Franchini; her grandchildren, Nicole  
10 (Frank) Silva, Joseph (Dayana) Rodriguez, Victoria (Richard)  
11 Guzman, Jennette Rodriguez, Daniel (Cristine) Rodriguez,  
12 Cristina (Luis) Centeno, Adrian (Gabriela) Chavez, and  
13 Michael, Alexis, and Talia Franchini; her great-grandchildren,  
14 Anthony and Christian Silva, Christopher Gonzalez, Julian  
15 Rodriguez, Gabriela, Annabelle, and Diego Guzman, Teresa,  
16 Audrey, Mia, Ava, Emilia and Evelyn Rodriguez, Luis, Julian,  
17 and Violet Centeno, Adrianna, and Mia Chavez, and Elijah  
18 Franchini; her brothers, Rev. Samuel Montoya and Angel Montoya;  
19 and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
22 Margarita M. Rodriguez, and extend our sincere condolences to  
23 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it

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2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Margarita Rodriguez as an expression  
4 of our deepest sympathy.