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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 Tony Chinino, who passed away on October 27, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Tony Chinino was employed with Nabisco for 37 years; during his time there, he would often load up his car trunk with donated food and pass it out to his football players whenever he could; and

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WHEREAS, Tony Chinino was elected to be the 1st Ward Alderman of the City of Oak Forest on April 1, 2003, serving until his unfortunate passing; he most recently served as the liaison to the Senior Citizens' Commission; and

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WHEREAS, Tony Chinino worked for more than a decade with the Oak Forest Raiders youth football team, where he developed a sterling reputation as a dedicated coach, booster, and mentor to kids; he also coached with the Oak Forest Baseball Association; and

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WHEREAS, Tony Chinino was well known for his unwavering commitment to veterans issues; as an U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and in his capacity as alderman, he worked to bring a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington,

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1 D.C., entitled The Wall That Heals, to Oak Forest; and

2 WHEREAS, Tony Chinino is survived by his wife, Lynn; his  
3 sons, Tony and Brian; his brothers, Eugene and Michael; his  
4 sister, Patricia Wilfringer; and his grandson, Michael; and

5 WHEREAS, Tony Chinino will be remembered by all who knew  
6 and loved him as an outspoken, forthright, and passionate  
7 public servant whose generosity and willingness to work were  
8 admired by all; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
11 his family and friends, the passing of Tony Chinino; and be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Tony Chinino as an expression of our  
15 sympathy.