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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 Tema Cruz of Decatur, who passed away on March 13, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Tema Cruz was born in Danville on September 23, 1924 to Daniel de La and Stella Perchman-Cruz; he served, with honors, in the United States Army during World War II from 1943 to 1946 in the Eastern Theater; he married Betty Jean Hood on March 2, 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Tema Cruz retired as a molder from Wagner's Castings Foundry after over 45 years; and

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WHEREAS, Tema Cruz was a Democratic precinct committeeman for many years; he enjoyed spending summers coaching Bronco and Pony League baseball in the 1970s; he helped develop the Junior Football League in its early years and coached middle school basketball; he could be found at all of his children's and grandchildren's sporting events; and

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WHEREAS, Tema Cruz was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Theodore; and sister, Freda; and

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WHEREAS, Tema Cruz is survived by his wife of 60 years,

1 Betty; sisters, Lena Brown and Victoria Simpson; children,
2 Cynthia (Richard) Phillips, Tim (Wanda) Cruz, Tisa (Blenn)
3 Springfield, Daniel (Gina) Cruz, Tina (Eddie) Taylor, Nicholas
4 (Felice) Cruz, and Antonio (Frances) Cruz; 17 grandchildren; 17
5 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of
6 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Tema Cruz, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
10 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Tema Cruz as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.