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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 Anton Joseph "Papa Tony" Cervený of Alamogordo, New Mexico, who passed away on July 22, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Anton Cervený was born in Chicago on May 13, 1918; he served in the United States Navy during World War II, serving in the Pacific; he later attained his graduate degree from Northwestern University; and

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WHEREAS, Anton Cervený was a bassoonist for the Chicago Symphonic Orchestra, the Longines Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago Civic Opera Orchestra, Kryl's Symphony Orchestra, the Illinois Symphony, WGN Radio, Sonja Henie's Hollywood Orchestra, and several other stage show orchestras; he also taught at Wesleyan University; and

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WHEREAS, Anton Cervený was the director of Virginia area bands for 6 years and Harvard High School bands for 28 years, building the instrumental music department, culminating in multiple State sweepstakes winners and runners-up; in 1973, the band participated in an international competition in Vienna, Austria, earning top honors; he was one of the early founders and ongoing promoters of Harvard Milk Days and was its Grand Marshal in 2004; he was inducted into the National Bandmasters

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1 Hall of Fame (Phi Beta Mu) in 1990; and

2 WHEREAS, Anton Cervený was a member of the Loyal Order of
3 Moose and the American Legion; in later years, he ran a small
4 marketing specialties business called "Suz-A Pouch Company";
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6 WHEREAS, Anton Cervený was preceded in death by his wife of
7 57 years, Margaret; his son, Dan; and his brother, Louis; and

8 WHEREAS, Anton Cervený was the proud father of 4 children,
9 Dan, Tony (Pam), Maria Showalter, and Ron (Beth); the
10 grandfather of 8; and the great-grandfather of many more;
11 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 Anton Joseph "Papa Tony" Cervený, 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 Anton Cervený as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.