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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 Andrew Vincent Granato of Champaign, who passed away on June 3, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Andrew Granato was born in Cleveland, Ohio to Salvatore Granato and Francesca (nee Polizzi) Granato; he graduated from Bethlemen Central High School in Delmar, New York and served in the United States Naval Reserve while attending the University of Rochester; he received his Bachelor of Science in 1948 and his Master of Science in 1950 from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York; he earned his Ph.D. in 1955 from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island; and

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WHEREAS, Andrew Granato was a world-renowned physicist at the University of Illinois, recruited to be a researcher in the field of Condensed Matter Physics; he published more than 170 peer-reviewed papers and was the primary sponsor of 32 Ph.D. students; he focused on several lines of research in structural weaknesses and imperfections in materials; and

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WHEREAS, Andrew Granato was a Research Associate at Brown University from 1955 to 1957; from 1957 to 1959, he was a Research Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois;

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1 from 1959 to 1961, he was a visiting professor in Aachen,  
2 Germany, holding a Guggenheim Fellowship for the first year; he  
3 was appointed associate professor for physics in 1961 and  
4 professor of physics in 1964; from 1971 to 1972, he was an  
5 associate in the Center for Advanced Study at the University of  
6 Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1976, Andrew Granato received a United States  
8 Scientist Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation for  
9 Research at the Technical University in Aachen; he was a member  
10 of the Executive Committee of the Division of Condensed Matter  
11 Physics of the American Physical Society, a Fellow of the  
12 American Physical Society and the Acoustical Society of  
13 America, and a member of the American Institute of  
14 Metallurgical Engineers and the Institute of Electrical and  
15 Electronics Engineers; he was Chairman of the International  
16 Conference on Internal Friction and Ultrasonic Attenuation  
17 held in Urbana in 1985; from 1987 to 1988, he was the Bernd T.  
18 Matthias Visiting Scholar at the Los Alamos National Laboratory  
19 and Guest Research Fellow at the Institute for Industrial  
20 Science at the University of Tokyo; he also received several  
21 fellowships and awards, including the Zener Prize and  
22 Guggenheim and Humboldt fellowships; and

23 WHEREAS, Andrew Granato was preceded in death by his  
24 parents, and his wife, Pauline Brassard Granato; and

1           WHEREAS, Andrew Granato is survived by his 4 children,  
2 Samuel Charles Granato (Susy), Andrea Marguerite Frankenfield  
3 (David), Sarah Francesca Yeates, and Ann Vivian Welch (Rick);  
4 his 3 grandchildren, Andrew Granato, Willis Welch, and  
5 Alexander Granato; and his sister, Vivian Granato; therefore,  
6 be it

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

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Andrew Granato as an expression of  
14 our deepest sympathy.