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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 Gilbert "Judge" Gonzalez of Calumet City, formerly of South Chicago, who passed away on July 9, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Gilbert Gonzalez, the son of Encarnacion and Elisa Gonzalez, was born on September 1, 1935; and

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WHEREAS, Gilbert Gonzalez worked for and retired from Wisconsin Steel Works and the Chicago Transit Authority; he was also active in politics and always willing to serve his community; and

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WHEREAS, Gilbert Gonzalez was an avid train collector and a capable do-it-yourselfer; he enjoyed watching sports and cheering on the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Bears with his family; and

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WHEREAS, Gilbert Gonzalez was a kind, friendly, gentle, and happy person, and he will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband and father and a huge supporter of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Gilbert Gonzalez was preceded in death by his

1 parents; his granddaughter, Jennifer Rodriguez; and his
2 siblings, Ruben (Maria) Gonzalez, Carmen (the late Enrique)
3 Villa, Charlie (the late Margarita) Gonzalez, Paula Corona,
4 and Connie Torres; and

5 WHEREAS, Gilbert Gonzalez is survived by his wife of 70
6 years, Angeline (Raya) Gonzalez; his children, Lillian
7 Rodriguez, Shirley (Javier) Salazar, Gilbert (Kimberly)
8 Gonzalez Jr., and Christopher (Jodie L. Zimmerman) Gonzalez;
9 nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his honorary
10 child, Rose Martinez; his siblings, Rose (Luis) Esquivel and
11 Esther (the late Alphonso) Martinez; and many nieces, nephews,
12 in-laws, and friends; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Gilbert "Judge" Gonzalez and extend our sincere condolences to
16 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Gilbert Gonzalez as an expression
20 of our deepest sympathy.