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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Esequiel Bernardo "Bernie" Rangel,  
4 formerly of Silvis, who passed away on September 9, 2022; and

5           WHEREAS, Bernie Rangel was born to Hilario and Lena  
6 (Blanco) Rangel in Moline on September 28, 1945; he served in  
7 the U.S. Army; he then served as an instructor in the U.S.  
8 Marine Corps Reserves and the U.S. Army Reserves; he was  
9 honorably discharged with the rank of master sergeant after  
10 over 30 years of service; he married Catherine (Coker)  
11 Creighton on the beach at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa,  
12 Florida on September 8, 2019; and

13           WHEREAS, Bernie Rangel was passionate about learning; he  
14 graduated from United Township High School in 1963, where he  
15 excelled in cross country and wrestling and later taught; he  
16 attended Black Hawk College and Augustana College; he received  
17 his Bachelor of Science from Southern Illinois University  
18 Carbondale; he earned technical certificates in welding, auto  
19 body mechanics, diesel mechanics, and auto repair from Scott  
20 Community College; he was in the process of earning his  
21 graduate degree from Western Illinois University when his  
22 devotion to serving as a caretaker for his parents resulted in  
23 an 11-year pause in his studies; and

1           WHEREAS, Bernie Rangel worked at Rock Island Lines, ADM,  
2           and International Harvester; he retired as a union carpenter;  
3           and

4           WHEREAS, Bernie Rangel had many interests, including  
5           officiating wrestling, volleyball, basketball, football,  
6           softball, and baseball; while his favorite sport was  
7           basketball, he was most proud of his collegiate volleyball  
8           officiating experience; and

9           WHEREAS, Bernie Rangel was preceded in death by his  
10          parents and his siblings, Richard Rangel, Arthur Rangel,  
11          Dolores Rangel, Hilario (Henry) Rangel, and Bernadette  
12          Schaecher; and

13          WHEREAS, Bernie Rangel is survived by his wife, Catherine  
14          Creighton; his stepson, Paul (Sarah) Creighton; his  
15          step-grandchildren, Miley and Owen Creighton; his siblings,  
16          Estella (John Morgan) Rangel, Cecilia Rangel, and Mike Rangel;  
17          his brother-in-law, Maurice Schaecher; and numerous nieces,  
18          nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

19          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
20          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21          Esequiel Bernardo "Bernie" Rangel and extend our sincere

1       condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
2       him; and be it further

3               RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4       presented to the family of Bernie Rangel as an expression of  
5       our deepest sympathy.