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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Ivan Claudio Gonzalez of Chicago, who
4 passed away on June 14, 2022, and wish to remember him on the
5 anniversary of his birth, May 10; and

6 WHEREAS, Ivan Gonzalez was born to Mario Gonzalez and Rosa
7 Gonzalez on May 10, 1982; he was the proud child of immigrants
8 who instilled in him a sense of responsibility to help uplift
9 his community; and

10 WHEREAS, At the age of 22, Ivan Gonzalez began to organize
11 and advocate for progressive change in the Latino community
12 and all communities in Illinois; as a champion for
13 working-class people, he helped pass legislation in the
14 General Assembly to better the lives of immigrants through
15 public schools, labor, and affordable housing; and

16 WHEREAS, Ivan Gonzalez served as chief of staff to State
17 Senator Omar Aquino since 2016; during his tenure, he managed
18 day-to-day operations of the senate district office,
19 legislative agenda, and community relations and became an
20 influential advocate for the Latino community; and

21 WHEREAS, Ivan Gonzalez was one of the most iconic and

1 beloved policy and political consultants in the State of
2 Illinois, paving the way for many in politics today, including
3 people in City Hall, Cook County, and recently in Congress
4 with the historic election of Delia Ramirez to the U.S. House
5 of Representatives; he served as a senior advisor to then
6 State Representative Ramirez until his passing, which occurred
7 two weeks before her and Senator Aquino's election to the
8 State Central Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, Ivan Gonzalez was known for his kindness,
10 generosity, and infectious laugh, having a positive impact on
11 the lives of many who crossed his path; through his huge,
12 joyous smile, he brought together both friends and rivals to
13 remind us that we can always forgive and that there is always
14 an opportunity to forget about the past and start over; and

15 WHEREAS, Ivan Gonzalez was a true giant in the
16 ever-growing and evolving progressive movement, and his
17 influence on politics in the State of Illinois will not be
18 forgotten; and

19 WHEREAS, Ivan Gonzalez is survived by his parents; his
20 sister, Vanessa; his brother-in-law, John Velez; and his
21 nieces, Liliana and Daniela Velez; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Ivan Claudio Gonzalez and extend our sincere condolences to
3 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Ivan Gonzalez as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.