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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate would like to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of A. Abbot Rosen, of Chicago, Illinois, who passed away recently; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Rosen moved to Chicago in 1948 to become director of the Anti-Defamation League's Midwest region, a position he held for 38 years; during the late 1970s, Mr. Rosen's commitment to fighting discrimination and hate helped lead a confrontation with a neo-Nazi group that planned to march in Skokie, Illinois; Skokie was then home to one of the largest communities of Holocaust survivors; Mr. Rosen's unwavering leadership and judgement throughout the crisis were greatly needed for it was a time of high tension and passion; he was later portrayed by Carl Reiner in a made-for-television movie based on the planned rally; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Rosen was born in New York City in 1915, and graduated from Yale College and the Columbia University Law School in 1937; he then went on to work in the Justice Department's espionage and sabotage unit, where he prosecuted German spies and saboteurs; shortly thereafter, Mr. Rosen was drafted into the Army and served in France and Belgium; after the Army, he served as special assistant to the attorney general prosecuting war-fraud cases; in 1947, he became a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations, acting as legal advisor to the UN special committee that drafted the genocide treaty; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Rosen became active in the civil rights movement when he was hired under President Harry Truman in 1947 as the U.S. Justice Department's first civil rights section chief; during the 1960s, Mr. Rosen was involved in organizing Soldier Field civil rights rallies where Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke; he was awarded the Chicago Commission

1 on Human Relations' Thomas H. Wright Award for his  
2 professional leadership as well as Loyola University's  
3 Founder's Day Award for his community service; and

4 WHEREAS, The passing of A. Abbot Rosen will be greatly  
5 felt by all those who knew him and loved him, especially his  
6 wife of over fifty years, Charlotte; his son, Josh; his  
7 daughter, Julie Beth; and his sister, Carolyne Maimin;  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing  
11 of A. Abbot Rosen and extend our sympathies to his family and  
12 friends at this time; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of A. Abbot Rosen.