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## SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3 extend their sincerest condolences to the family and friends  
4 of Charles V. Lo Verde, Jr., who passed away on May 28,  
5 2002; and

6           WHEREAS, The Chicago Water Department and the Laborers'  
7 Union were a family matter for Charles V. Lo Verde Jr.; and

8           WHEREAS, Born in 1931, just before his father, Charles Lo  
9 Verde Sr., who was a laborer in the Water Department, helped  
10 found and soon became president of Local 1092 of the  
11 Laborers' International Union of North America, Charles Jr.  
12 followed in his father's footsteps, working for the Water  
13 Department, then becoming president of the local; Charles Lo  
14 Verde III, followed suit, working as a Water Department  
15 laborer, and now serving as a local vice president; and

16           WHEREAS, Charles Lo Verde, Jr. was born and raised in  
17 Brighton Park and attended St. Joseph's and St. Anne's  
18 grammar schools and De La Salle Institute, graduating in  
19 1951; he went to work as a city laborer in 1952, laying  
20 asphalt, then joined the United States Army, serving in  
21 Germany; and

22           WHEREAS, Upon his return, Mr. Lo Verde became a laborer  
23 in the Water Department and soon took on a second job as  
24 field representative for the union; his father was both  
25 president and business manager of the local until his death  
26 in 1965; at that time, the international union insisted that  
27 the jobs be separated; and

28           WHEREAS, Charles Lo Verde Jr. became business manager; in  
29 the 1980s, the international union allowed the positions to  
30 be combined once more, and Mr. Lo Verde was elected  
31 president, a post he held until his death; and

1           WHEREAS, Most of Mr. Lo Verde's brothers and nephews  
2 started work at the Water Department; his brother James is  
3 superintendent of the department's Central District, his  
4 brother Robert is secretary-treasurer of Local 1092, and his  
5 sister Carol James is a field representative with the local;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, Mr. Lo Verde helped negotiate the city's first  
8 collective-bargaining agreement with laborers; more than a  
9 decade ago, he brought laborers in the Sewer Department into  
10 Local 1092, and now the local represents laborers and  
11 salaried employees in Chicago's Water, Sewer, Transportation,  
12 Aviation, General Services, and Purchases departments;  
13 recently, Mr. Lo Verde was trying to persuade the Illinois  
14 Legislature to improve pensions for laborers and their  
15 widows; and

16           WHEREAS, Union matters occupied most of Mr. Lo Verde's  
17 waking hours; when he did take time off, however, he loved to  
18 play golf and to sail a small, two-man boat on inland lakes  
19 in Indiana and Michigan; he was heavily involved in  
20 Italian-American civic, educational and charitable efforts,  
21 and had been named Man of the Year by the Joint Civic  
22 Committee of Italian Americans; and

23           WHEREAS, The passing of Charles Lo Verde, Jr. will be  
24 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his  
25 wife of 47 years, Marion Santacaterina Lo Verde; his  
26 daughters, Deborah Frogameni, Darlyne Klages, Diane Gross,  
27 and Dawn Brancheau; his sons, Charles III and Thomas; his  
28 brothers, Robert, James, and David; his sisters, Kathleen  
29 LaCien and Carol James; and his 12 grandchildren; therefore,  
30 be it

31           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
32 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with

1 all who knew him, the death of Charles Lo Verde, Jr. of  
2 Chicago, Illinois; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of Charles Lo Verde, Jr. with our  
5 sincere condolences.