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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 Eddie "Simroy" Golliday of Belleville, who passed away on January 7, 2017 at the age of 74; and

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WHEREAS, Eddie Golliday was born in Grenada, Mississippi to J.C. Golliday and I.V. Hankins Golliday on June 4, 1942; and

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WHEREAS, Eddie Golliday was a prolific mechanic, maintenance man, and businessman; he started Golliday Rentals over 35 years ago and has owned over 100 rental properties and flipped many houses; he and his wife owned and operated Alorton Hardware and Golliday's "Catch of the Day"; he was employed for over 30 years at Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company in St. Louis, Missouri and achieved the coveted position of Maintenance Mechanic, being the first and only black maintenance man to ever be hired at that location; after he retired from Pepsi-Cola he went to work for the East St. Louis Park District as a seasonal Maintenance Manager, a position he enjoyed until his death; his love for work was deeply embedded in his strong character; and

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WHEREAS, Eddie Golliday was a loving husband, loving father, and devoted family patriarch; he was outspoken, strict, caring, and had a sense of humor enjoyed by all who met him;

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2 WHEREAS, Eddie Golliday was preceded in death by his
3 parents; his other loving parents, Olivia Golliday and Jessie
4 Golliday; his son, Cordell; his brothers, Jimmie, Roscoe, and
5 Will Golliday; his sisters, Lela Bell Sally and Ruth Cook; his
6 special mother/aunt, Dora Bonds; his grandchildren, Monte
7 Golliday, Brittany Golliday, and baby Tiara Golliday; and

8 WHEREAS, Eddie Golliday is survived by his loving wife of
9 over 40 years, Irma McSwain Golliday; his sons, Antwyne
10 (Monique), Dwayne, and Alvin (Delores); his daughters, Annette
11 (Thomas) Hill, Laura Ann Golliday, and Elesia (Darian) Brown;
12 his siblings, Frank Golliday, Tommie Jean Golliday, Shelba
13 Golliday, Douglas Golliday, Earnie Mae Murry, Mildred
14 (Charles) Foote, Rosie Sheperd, James Golliday, and Michael
15 (Paula) Golliday; his 50 grandchildren and great
16 grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
20 family and friends, mourn the passing of Eddie "Simroy"
21 Golliday, and express our sincere condolences to his family,
22 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Eddie Golliday as an expression of
3 our deepest sympathy.