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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 Roger Carlyle Farrar Jr., who passed away on February 22, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Farrar Jr. was born in Rockford to Roger and Carol (Banks) Farrar Sr. on October 8, 1964; he graduated from Lutheran High School in 1982; he earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and a Master of Business Administration from Rockford University; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Farrar Jr. served with honor and distinction in the United States Marine Corp; he was a police officer for the City of Rockford Police Department for ten years before retiring; he later worked as Manager of the Mobile Unit of the Illinois Secretary of State Offices, as a G.E.D. Instructor for the Booker Washington Center, and as a trainer and educator for Community Care Alliance; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Farrar Jr. was an active member of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where he served in the Men's Ministry; he was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., as well as the business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi; a true lover of sports, he was a devoted football fan and coach; he was the owner of the Rockford Gladiators and coached the

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1 Rock River Raptors, the Green Bay Blizzard, the Chicago
2 Slaughter, the Chicago Bliss, the Rockford College Regents, and
3 the Jefferson J-Hawks; and

4 WHEREAS, Roger Farrar Jr. believed in fairness and
5 affording dignity and respect to others; he believed that
6 sports are an avenue for all young people to learn, develop,
7 experience, and grow into the wholeness of life; and

8 WHEREAS, Roger Carlyle Jr. was preceded in death by his
9 father; and his maternal and paternal grandparents, Kermit and
10 Verma J. Farrar Sr., Ebil Ellis and Nozelia (Banks) Ross; and

11 WHEREAS, Roger Carlyle Jr. is survived by his parents; his
12 son, Christopher Farrar; his grandchildren, Xavier and Noelle
13 Farrar; his brother, Bradley Farrar; his niece, Regan Farrar;
14 his special friend and companion of many years, Roberta
15 Box-Hanserd; his uncles, Kermit (Elaine) Farrar Mr., and Percy
16 Franklin; his great-uncle, Roosevelt (Catherine) Banks; his
17 great-aunt, Lillian Taylor; his honorary uncle, Willie
18 (Jeanne) Banks; his honorary aunt, Constance (Clint) Walker;
19 his two godchildren, Shamarra Hardy and Shawn Cooper; and his
20 extended family, cousins, and friends; he also valued his band
21 of police department friends, fraternity brothers "roo team,"
22 the "Machine Shed" crew, coaches, and players; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Roger Carlyle Farrar Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to
4 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Roger Carlyle Jr. as an expression
8 of our deepest sympathy.