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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 Gloster Van Richardson of Chicago, who passed away on February 27, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Gloster Van Richardson was born in Greenville, Mississippi on July 18, 1942; he played college football at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi; and

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WHEREAS, Gloster Van Richardson was drafted to play for the Kansas City Chiefs of the NFL in 1965; he ultimately played wide receiver for the Kansas City Chiefs, the Dallas Cowboys, and the Cleveland Browns; he became a two-time NFL Superbowl champion while playing for the Kansas City Chiefs in 1970 and the Dallas Cowboys in 1971; in all, he played in 92 professional games, catching 92 passes for 1,976 yards and 18 touchdowns; and

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WHEREAS, After playing in the NFL for 10 years, Gloster Van Richardson returned to Chicago and worked as a physical education teacher for 25 years; he was the football coach at Kennedy-King College in Chicago, becoming one of the first football coaches at the City Colleges of Chicago; he taught football fundamentals to students from the Englewood Community and throughout the Chicago area; and

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1 WHEREAS, Gloster Van Richardson worked as the executive
2 assistant for the then-president of the Cook County Board, the
3 late John H. Stroger; he worked there for 12 years until his
4 retirement; and

5 WHEREAS, Gloster Van Richardson was a citizen of the City
6 of Chicago for over 50 years; he was an advocate for the people
7 and had strong ties to his community, especially the Southside;
8 he was passionate and dedicated to his athletes and gave his
9 all to help others; and

10 WHEREAS, Gloster Van Richardson was a devoted husband and
11 an adoring father and grandfather; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Gloster Van Richardson and extend our sincere condolences to
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Gloster Van Richardson as an
19 expression of our deepest sympathy.