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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 Robert Eugene Rouse of Oakwood, who passed away on April 21, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Rouse was born to Paul V. Rouse Sr. and Annie M. (Hopkins) Rouse in Harrisburg on October 29, 1938; he attended St. Patrick's Grade School and Schlarman Academy in Danville before enlisting in the U.S. Army at the age of 17; he served in several countries, including Vietnam, and he was a member of the Honor Guard, serving President John F. Kennedy; he dedicated nine years of service before his honorable discharge and was a Purple Heart recipient; he married Wardella Foster on January 17, 1964, and they raised four children; he later married Mary Ann Fannin on April 25, 1987, and he gained two more sons; and

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WHEREAS, After his military service, Robert Rouse returned to Danville; he worked at General Motors and for the U.S. Postal Service before joining the Danville Police Department in 1971; over a 22-year span, he served as a sketch artist, bomb technician, crime-scene detective, and patrol officer before retiring in 1993; he joined the U.S. Marshals Service in 1994, working another 20 years before his final retirement in 2014; and

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1 WHEREAS, Robert Rouse loved jazz and Motown, especially
2 Junior Walker & The All Stars' hit song "Shotgun"; he was a
3 devoted fan of the Chicago Cubs, the Chicago Bears, and the
4 Fighting Illini; his favorite shows were Gunsmoke, Perry
5 Mason, and The Andy Griffith Show and one of his favorite
6 movies was The Outlaw Josey Wales; as an avid reader, he had a
7 wealth of knowledge and was a history buff; he enjoyed
8 capturing moments with his camera or tinkering around with
9 electronics; and

10 WHEREAS, Robert Rouse was preceded in death by his
11 parents; his daughter, Carla J. Rouse; his son, Rory A. Micou;
12 his sisters, Marietta (Rouse) Austin and Esther (Rouse) Avery;
13 and his grandson, Joshua J. Robinson; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert Rouse is survived by his wife, Mary Ann;
15 his daughter, Evonne M. (Leroy) Robinson Jr.; his sons, Robert
16 E. Rouse Jr., Mark E. (Candy) Rouse, Eric (Jennifer) Bolser,
17 and Patrick (Jamie) Bolser; his grandchildren, Juan Robinson,
18 Robreon Rouse, Nicole Rouse, Jasmine Rouse, Alexis Micou,
19 Aiyana Rouse, Laila Rouse, Jessica Spencer, Laciee Bolser,
20 Jordan Bolser, and Breanna Bolser; his 18 great-grandchildren;
21 his five great-great-grandchildren; his sisters, Carol (the
22 Rev. Allen) Dixon, Lucy Dumas, Jane (Carey) Grant, Jean Rouse,
23 Anna Kennel, Nancy Akers, and Cynthia Rouse; his brothers,

1 Paul V. (Lillian) Rouse Jr. and Larry (Patricia) Rouse; his
2 nieces and nephews; and his extended family; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Robert Eugene Rouse and extend our sincere condolences to his
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Robert Rouse as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.