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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 Reverend J. Robert Sandman of Oak Brook, who passed away on January 16, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, He was a retired United Church of Christ minister; he grew up in Newport, Kentucky; after graduation from Oberlin College in Ohio, Union Theological Seminary in New York, and receiving a Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, Reverend Sandman served as Migrant Ministry state director and pastor of a Columbus, Ohio church; and

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WHEREAS, He later worked in United Church of Christ denominational administration, retiring in 1992 as Associate Conference Minister in the Illinois Conference; he dedicated his life to service and justice ministries such as civil rights, anti-Vietnam War marches, new church ministries for immigrant minority communities, and farmworker labor rights; and

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WHEREAS, He marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in civil rights demonstrations and befriended Cesar Chavez; he worked with the Migrant Ministry and the National Farm Worker Ministry; and

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1           WHEREAS, After retiring he and his wife spent a year of  
2 volunteer work in Istanbul, Turkey, among Iraqi, Iranian, and  
3 Bosnian refugees, plus hundreds of African economic migrants;  
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5           WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his son, Richard A.  
6 Sandman; and his grandson, Nicholas Sandman; and

7           WHEREAS, Reverend J. Robert Sandman is survived by his  
8 wife, Olgha Sierra Sandman; his sons, Robert D. Sandman (Kathy)  
9 and Rodney P. Sandman (Karin); his daughter, Linda E. Sandman  
10 (Richard Wheelock); his 8 grandchildren; and his 2  
11 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
14 his family and friends, the passing of Reverend J. Robert  
15 Sandman; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Reverend J. Robert Sandman as a  
18 symbol of our sincere sympathy.