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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 James "Jimmy" W. Knight, who passed away on September 13, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, James Knight was born on June 7, 1935; his parents were John Knight and Mildred Shelton; he married Ollie Burns Thompson in 1956; they were re-married in 2001; and

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WHEREAS, James Knight completed his early education at Calvin Donaldson Junior High School and Howard High School in Chattanooga, Tennessee; after he was honorably discharged, he subsequently continued his education at the Allied School of Technology's Tool and Die Making program and Kennedy-King College in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, James Knight accepted Christ as his personal savior at an early age; he was a faithful member of Parkway Garden Christian Church; and

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WHEREAS, James Knight served his country as a member of the United States Air Force; he later retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class from the United States Army National Guard's 933rd Military Police Company; and

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1 WHEREAS, James Knight retired from the United States Postal
2 Service after 30 years on the same mail route in the Bridgeport
3 community; after retiring, he enjoyed spending time with his
4 many friends at "his office" and Saturday morning breakfast
5 with his military "family"; and

6 WHEREAS, James Knight was preceded in death by his parents
7 and a daughter, Mildred; and

8 WHEREAS, James Knight is survived by his wife, Dr. Ollie M.
9 Knight; 3 children, Rev. Melody Seaton, Dr. Millicent Knight
10 (Dr. Harvey Echols), and Monica Smith; 8 grandchildren, Kenny
11 Whigham, Michael and Curtis Milner, Veronique (Earnest) Crim
12 Wallace, Ernest (Cassie) Crim, III, Jaylen and Jahmal Smith,
13 and Matthew Echols; 8 great-grandchildren, Chloe, Rasan,
14 Janea, Kwonzel, Nastassja, Meriah, Kiara, and Jamar; 4
15 godchildren, Wennoa Lewis-Blair and Brenda, Mariner, and
16 Theodore Brinson; 2 cousins, Pamela Dave and Jackie Jones; 3
17 sisters-in-law, Charlie B. (Jarvis) Stamps, Aggie, and Mamie; a
18 brother-in-law, United States Representative Bennie (London)
19 Thompson; and many other family members and friends; therefore,
20 be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
23 family and friends, mourn the passing of James "Jimmy" W.

1 Knight; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of James Knight as an expression of our
4 sympathy.