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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 Mark Alan Miller, who passed away on September 16, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Miller was born in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin to Tim and Irene Miller on June 28, 1945; he was baptized at Shiloh Baptist Church and graduated from North Chicago Community High School; he attended Central State College in Ohio and served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1967 during the Vietnam War; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Miller was employed at Johnson Motors and Commonwealth Edison; on October 1, 1975, he became the first African American full-time firefighter for the City of North Chicago; he obtained several licensures and certifications, including Firefighter II, National Register Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic, and Hazardous Materials Operations; he received commendations for skill and dedication during his tenure, including assisting in the rescue efforts of two children from a structure fire; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Miller served as union secretary; he helped organize fund raisers and was involved in the Illinois Black Firefighters Association and several community functions

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1 during his over 26 years with the city; and

2 WHEREAS, Mark Miller loved fishing, building, and racing HO
3 track cars; he also loved racing real cars; his pride and joy
4 was a 1994 black Pontiac Trans Am with silver stripes; and

5 WHEREAS, Mark Miller was preceded in death by his parents;
6 both paternal and maternal grandparents; one grandchild; two
7 nephews; one niece; and one brother-in-law; and

8 WHEREAS, Mark Miller is survived by his wife, Cleopatra;
9 his children, Marc, Michael, Michelle (James), and Lashana;
10 eight grandchildren; and his siblings, Gloria (Vernon) Swift,
11 Broderick (Cora) Miller, Steven (Daphne) Miller, Collette
12 (Lawrence) Brown, and Valerie Melvin; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Mark Alan Miller, and extend our sincere condolences to his
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Mark Miller as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.