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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 Vaughn Chester Wilhite, who passed away on November 8, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Vaughn Wilhite was born in Lancaster, Kentucky to Chester Ray and Donna Doram Wilhite on August 26, 1959; his education began in Inkster, Michigan at Peterson-Warren Academy, where he was active in both school and church, including serving in Sabbath school, Pathfinders, and other church youth groups; he was an athlete who played basketball, football, and golf; he earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Andrews University; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from college, Vaughn Wilhite joined the Armed Forces; he was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force as a Captain and from the United States Army as a Major; he received many medals and awards while serving on active duty as a Mental Health Nurse Specialist, including the Air Force Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Force Longevity Service Award, the Air Force Training Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; while serving in the United States Army, he received the Army Commendation medal, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Army Good Conduct Medal, and the

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1 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; he was also awarded the
2 Community Award for saving someone's life while off duty; and

3 WHEREAS, Vaughn Wilhite was preceded in death by his
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5 WHEREAS, Vaughn Wilhite is survived by his mother; his
6 wife, Paris; his daughters, Ashley Wilhite, India Wilhite, and
7 Alannah Wilhite; his son, Ezra Brown; his stepchildren, Sir
8 Joseph Tucker (Erica), Valencia Tucker, and Victoria Smith
9 (Reggie); his grandchildren, Olivia, Faith, and Reggie; his
10 brother, Colonel Dwayne White Sr. (Diana); his sisters, Leslie
11 Hightower, and Freda Thurman (Joseph); his many nieces,
12 nephews, cousins, and great-nieces and nephews; and his many
13 other family members and friends; therefore, be it

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

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Vaughn Wilhite as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.