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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 Ralph J. Lewis Jr. of Rock Island, who passed away on December 9, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Lewis Jr. was born in New Orleans, Louisiana to Ralph Jonas Sr. and Carmelite Lewis on August 29, 1948; he served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1970 and completed a tour in Vietnam; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Lewis Jr. retired from Kone Elevators and Escalators, where he was a machinist and excelled in his CDL program; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Lewis Jr. took pride in caring for his family; he enjoyed modifying vehicles and building and refurbishing anything he could get his hands on; he was an active member of Altered Images, Hap's Cruisin' into the Sunset, and the Quad City Jeep Jammers; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Lewis Jr. was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Carolyn Harris; and his nephew, Andrew Bourdeaux; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Lewis Jr. is survived by his son, Jonas D.

1 Austin; his daughter, Sierra E. Austin; his stepchildren, Tiana
2 and Dante Austin; his sisters, Yvonne Brockington, Delores
3 Morris, June Green, and Cheryl Bourdeaux; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Ralph J. Lewis Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to his
7 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Ralph Lewis Jr. as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.