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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Jerome Samuel Johnson; and

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5 WHEREAS, Jerome Johnson was born to Milton P. and Katherine
6 Goolsby Johnson on November 25, 1946; he attended Kozminski
7 Elementary School and Hyde Park High School; he served in the
8 United States Army in Vietnam, where he achieved the rank of
9 1st Lieutenant and served as commanding officer of his platoon;
10 his leadership was widely publicized by former United States
11 Senator and Secretary of Defense, Charles Hagel, who served
12 under Jerome; he earned two Silver Stars for his service; he
married Laura Meriweather on September 6, 1969; and

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14 WHEREAS, Jerome Johnson retired from Commonwealth Edison
and embarked on a second career as a funeral director; and

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16 WHEREAS, Jerome Johnson was affectionately known as
17 "Rome"; he was a part-time comedian, part-time biblical
18 scholar, part-time philosopher, and full-time man of leisure;
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20 WHEREAS, Jerome Johnson was preceded in death by his
21 parents; his mother-in-law, Anna Ruth Meriweather; his
siblings, Milton Jr., Ronald/Jason, Joyce, Alice, Melvin,

1 Jerrel, and John; his nephew, David Heard, and his niece,
2 Katrice Johnson; and

3 WHEREAS, Jerome Johnson is survived by his wife, Laura; his
4 sons, Joel (Karla), Justin, and Joshua; his grandsons, Khalil
5 and Hasan; his siblings, Marla Jean, Marvin, Perry, Karen,
6 Janice Webb, and Jeffery; and numerous nieces, nephews,
7 cousins, extended family, friends, and colleagues; therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Jerome Samuel Johnson, and extend our sincere condolences to
12 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Jerome Johnson as an expression of
16 our deepest sympathy.