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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 Charles Curry, who passed away on June 10, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Curry was born in Starkville, Mississippi to Annie Laura (Pearson) and George Curry Sr. on July 30, 1938; as a young man, he spent time with his father, learning about the family businesses, including a grocery store, a gas station, and a farm; he would often sneak on to the back of the pick up truck to accompany his father; each day he would take his father an afternoon snack of homemade cake and a cup of coffee; as a child, he was a member of the Zion Franklin United Methodist Church in Starkville, where his parents were active members; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Curry began selling milk, although he never actually milked the cows, and received his first check for his service at the age of 12, igniting his entrepreneurial spirit; he also learned to drive at an early age, even before he was tall enough to see over the steering wheel; he drove the school bus to transport his classmates to school, sparking his love for driving and appreciation of cars; he loved old cars and believed they should always be clean; he could often be found washing his truck or one of his cars outside of C. P.

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2 WHEREAS, After graduating high school, Charles Curry
3 traveled to Chicago, working briefly as a cook and as a
4 machinist in the grinding business; he took to the grinding
5 business and eventually purchased his own machine shop with his
6 brother; they became successful small business owners for over
7 40 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Charles Curry married Henry Alice in 1957 and they
9 had three children; and

10 WHEREAS, Charles Curry joined Grant Memorial AME Church and
11 was active with the men's group; he could be found in the
12 church kitchen cooking his specialty of salmon croquettes,
13 singing with the men's choir, or even helping with the church
14 finances; he devoted his entire life to his work and his
15 family; his home was the gathering place for family and
16 friends; and

17 WHEREAS, Charles Curry was preceded in death by his
18 parents; his sister, Louise; and his daughters, Felecia and
19 Audrey; and

20 WHEREAS, Charles Curry is survived by his wife, Henry
21 Alice; his daughters, Angela (Alfonzo) and Beverly; his

1 grandchildren, Jareem, Jamel, Charlene, Christa, Christopher,
2 and Jai; his great-grandchildren, Brian, David, D'andre,
3 Lamore', and Jeremiah; his siblings, Catherine (Cleveland),
4 Margaret, Zelda, George Jr., Sammie, and Isaac (Bobbie); and
5 numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be
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7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Charles Curry, and extend our sincere condolences to his
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Charles Curry as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.