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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 Robert Earl "Bobby" Washington, who passed away on October 17, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Washington was born in rural Yazoo County, Mississippi to Louise Washington Abshaw on June 16, 1944; he married Evelyn Woodard Townes; and

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WHEREAS, In 1967, Robert Washington's passion for restoring old cars became full-time employment when he opened his first auto shop, Southwest Auto, in Chicago; he later opened another repair shop, Fair Deal Auto, and ran the shop until he went to work for Target in 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Washington was baptized at St. Paul M.B. Church in Bentoma, Mississippi; after relocating to Chicago, he joined Green Grove M.B. Church, which he attended faithfully for over 40 years before leaving; he fell ill before he could join a new congregation; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Washington was preceded in death by his son, Jerome Washington; his mother, Louise Abshaw; his stepfather, Daddy Cary; his biological father, Frank Vaugh; his brothers, James Jones, George Washington Jr., and Wade Vaugh;

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1 and his sisters, Betty Brown and Maybell Powers; and

2 WHEREAS, Robert Washington is survived by his wife, Evelyn
3 Marie; his son, Nicklous Terell Washington; his daughters,
4 Tiffney Renee Washington, Robin Washington, and Barbara Berry;
5 his grandchildren, Kenneth, Nicklous, and Angelese Washington;
6 his sisters, Jeania Gary, Gloria (Willie) Wynn, and Bettie J.
7 Vaughan; his sisters-in-law, Odessa Jones, Rudene Abshaw,
8 Wendelin Woodard, Rosa Miller, and Beverly Johnson; his
9 extended siblings, Bobby Sam Wilkerson, Frankie (Ned) Rushing,
10 Mattie Bell, and Willie Barry; his aunts, Clara Davis and Sybil
11 Harris; his caretaker, Margaret Gilbert; and numerous nephews,
12 nieces, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Robert Earl "Bobby" Washington and extend our sincere
16 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
17 him; and be it further

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