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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 Thomas Earl Cliff, who passed away on January 15, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Cliff was born to Tom Lee Cliff and Martha (Anderson) Cliff in Brownsville, Tennessee on September 1, 1947; he relocated to Decatur in 1958; he graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1967; he was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served two tours in Vietnam; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Cliff worked for Illinois Power for 41 years until he retired; he ventured into business ownership and became the owner of multiple businesses; he established a corporation with his sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Harry, and opened his first restaurant, THB, in 1991; he later opened Jalyrih's Grill, which became a corporation in 2011; his businesses hosted community events and family gatherings and served as a source of employment for family and community neighbors; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Cliff was a dedicated member of the Church of the Living God CFFF and an exalted ruler of the Elks for numerous years; he enjoyed playing bingo and listening to the blues in his spare time; he was a loving father, grandfather,

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1 brother, uncle, and friend; and

2 WHEREAS, Thomas Cliff was preceded in death by his parents
3 and his sisters, Nannie F. (James Arthur) Lee and Martha
4 Louise (Warren) Thomas; and

5 WHEREAS, Thomas Cliff is survived by his children, Catina
6 Cliff, Marlin Murphy, Adrian Murphy, and Sinita Cliff; his
7 sister, Barbara (Bishop Harry) Hendricks; his grandchildren,
8 Kaysha Murphy, M.J. Murphy, Jalyrih Cliff, Brancyrih James,
9 and Samyrih James; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and
10 friends; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Thomas Earl Cliff and extend our sincere condolences to his
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
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16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Thomas Cliff as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.