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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 Willie R. Snowden, who passed away on December 3, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Snowden was born in El Dorado, Arkansas to Paul and Beulah Snowden on January 16, 1941; he attended elementary and secondary schools in Arkansas and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1958, where he played football; he also developed a love for golf as a result of his father's training; he caddied for many years and continued to develop his skills in golf; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Snowden attended Texas Southern University from 1958 to 1960; he later joined the U.S. Army and served for two years; after the completion of his service, he graduated from AM & N College in Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Snowden re-connected with his high school sweetheart, Gloria Soldon, in 2000; they both retired in 2004, and he moved to Kansas City; they were married in 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Snowden was a member of Morning Star Baptist Church; and

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1           WHEREAS, Willie Snowden is survived by his wife of 17  
2 years, Gloria Soldon-Snowden; his son, Roderick Snowden; his  
3 sister, Irma Sims; his brothers, Paul and Jimmy (Rosie)  
4 Snowden; his special cousins and sisters, Dorothy Thompson and  
5 Beverly Snowden Schultz; and his nieces and nephews, Pastor  
6 Paul Calvin (Carol) Sims, State Sen. Elgie R. (Shivonne) Sims,  
7 Libue Steven Sims, Paula Snowden Middleton, and Calvin, Kenny,  
8 Marquita, and Shea; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Willie R. Snowden and extend our sincere condolences to his  
12 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 Willie Snowden as an expression of  
16 our deepest sympathy.