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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 Theophilus Moore Jr., who passed away on January 29, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Theophilus Moore was born to Willie Bell Cole and Theophilus Moore Sr. in Mariana, Arkansas on October 15, 1924; he attended Robert R. Morton High School in Marianna and was drafted into the U.S. Army during his senior year in 1943, but his enlistment was delayed until graduation; once enlisted, he served in the all Black 577 Engineering Truck Company during World War II, and he was awarded two Bronze Stars in 1945 for meritorious service during the Northern France and Rhineland campaigns; after WWII, he was selected for entry into the Army's Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Benning, Georgia under the 3d Battalion, 11th Infantry, where he participated in one of the first integrated training classes after the Army decided to diversify its officer ranks; he served in active duty until 1946 and then moved to Chicago; he served in the U.S. Army Reserves until 1953, retiring as an army major; he married Mildred Lee Gilmore in 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Theophilus Moore began working for A&P Grocery in 1955, where he eventually rose to the title of store manager; after A&P, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), where

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1 he retired as a foreman after 31 years of service; and

2 WHEREAS, During his tenure at the USPS, Theophilus Moore
3 was an active member of various unions, including the Congress
4 of Industrial Organizations (CIO) and the National Association
5 of Postal Supervisors, where he served as branch president
6 from 1972 to 1976; he also helped organize the Clerk Craft
7 Union at North Suburban; and

8 WHEREAS, Theophilus Moore joined St. Mark United Methodist
9 Church in 1946, where he was an active with the Usher Board,
10 the United Methodist Men, Family Ministries, Veterans Affairs,
11 and the Gospel Choir; he was also a member of the International
12 Free and Accepted Modern Masons and the Order of the Eastern
13 Star; he joined King Hiram Lodge No. 23, where he served as
14 secretary, worshipful master, and grand master for the State
15 of Illinois; for outstanding service, he was bestowed with the
16 honorary Masonic 33rd degree in 1994; and

17 WHEREAS, Theophilus Moore was affectionately known as
18 "Durock" by family and friends; he was a man of strength,
19 character, integrity, and dignity; and

20 WHEREAS, Theophilus Moore had three loves of his life and
21 10 children; with Helen Williams, he had Diane and Maurice;
22 with Mildred Lee Gilmore, he had Michael, Theophilus III,

1 Milfred, and Marlene; with Dorothy Spann Grigsby, he had
2 Torrence, Kawana, Luther, and Darnell; and

3 WHEREAS, Theophilus Moore was preceded in death by his
4 parents; his siblings, Berniece Boyd, Myrtle Moore, John
5 Moore, Luther Moore Sr., Lawrence Moore, and Joseph Moore; his
6 son, Theophilus III; and his son-in-law, Loyal Gibson II; and

7 WHEREAS, Theophilus Moore is survived by his sister, Wilma
8 Reynolds; his children, Mary Preacely (Maurice), Diane Gibson,
9 Maurice (Angela), Michael (Dean), Milfred (Alicia), Marlene
10 (Patricia), Torrence (Jamie), Kawana, Luther, and Darnell; his
11 grandchildren, Brian Gibson (Melissa), Marc Gibson, Maurice,
12 Jasper, Michelle Cucuzza (Kevin), Brittany, Michael Jr.,
13 DeShun, Darnesha, Jordan, and Cameron; his
14 great-grandchildren; his great-great-grandchild; and a host of
15 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Theophilus Moore Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to his
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Theophilus Moore as an expression

1 of our deepest sympathy.