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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of R.C. Nelson on May 19, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nelson was born on August 9, 1923 in Clarksdale, Mississippi to Australia and Fannie Mae (North) Nelson; he was the third of eight children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nelson served his country in the United States Army from 1941-1945; he met and married Pearl King in 1946 and moved to East Saint Louis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nelson had been an employee of the City of East Saint Louis as a Tire Specialist until he retired in 1985; he was a faithful member of the Centreville Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nelson's passing will be deeply felt by many, especially his son, Willie C. Nelson; his three grandchildren, Karla, Michael, and Christel; his siblings, Lottie B. (Willie) Williams, Ernestine Williams, Thomas (Beverly) Moy, and James Moy; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nelson was preceded in death by both parents; one sister; two brothers; and one granddaughter; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of R.C. Nelson along with all who knew and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of R.C. Nelson as an expression of

1 our deepest sympathy.