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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Barron R. "Mr. Fresh" Rice of Springfield on Wednesday, May 25, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on September 5, 1970, to his proud parents, Roscoe and Irene Rice, in Indianola, Mississippi; he was a 1989 graduate of Gentry High School in Indianola; and

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WHEREAS, Following high school, he moved to Springfield and attended Mr. John's Barber College; he founded and was the proud owner of Mr. Fresh Barber and Beauty Salon; and

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WHEREAS, At an early age, he was baptized at St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Indianola; he was a member of Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Springfield; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Fresh was known for his willingness to serve humanity and for the ability to make light of any tense situation with his flair for comic relief; he served as a mentor to his family and friends and was an inspiration to all who knew him; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Barron R. "Mr. Fresh" Rice has been deeply felt by many, especially his mother, Irene Rice; his brothers, Portis "Chop" Rice, Ricky Smith, and Ricky Anderson; his sisters, Fatina Rice, Gloria Shaw, Debra Rice, and Kathryn Rice; his god brother, Brian "Big B" Williams; his special friend, Edward Knox; and his many nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts, cousins, other relatives, and friends; he was preceded in death by his father; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Barron R. "Mr. Fresh" Rice, and we extend our deepest sympathy

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1 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
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3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to his family as an expression of our sincere  
5 condolences.