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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 Richard Ray Jackson, Sr. of East St. Louis on July 8, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was born November 6, 1933, in East St. Louis, to Mildred Harriet Ray and Andrew Lee Jackson; he attended elementary and secondary schools in East St. Louis; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of Truelight Baptist Church; he loved his children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, and he had a special bond with his sister, Snookie; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Richard Ray Jackson, Sr. is felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his sons, Adrian, Richard Jr., and Wesley (Adrian); his daughter, Vanessa Dale; his seven grandchildren; his great-grandson; his sisters, LaVondia Mae Neely (Snookie) and Delores (Lois) Garvin; his five nieces and nephews; his twelve great-nieces and nephews; his many cousins; his former mother and father-in-law, Fate and Ruth Butler; his political friends, Lonzo Greenwood, Eddie Lee Jackson, Charles Roy, and members of the Democratic Central Committee; his special buddies, Elmer Jones and Sonny Maynard; his forever friend, Leanna Lawrence; his good friend, Yvonne Beasley; and citizens of Precinct #46; 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 Richard Ray Jackson, Sr. and extend our sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and community; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

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