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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Michael A. Tolden of O'Fallon on Tuesday, April 18, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Tolden was very well-liked by his colleagues, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Masons, and Shriners; he was devoted and dedicated to his community with caring, sharing, love, and pride; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Tolden was very out spoken, humorous, and was called one of the "Best Teachers" in the district; many students knew him as "Unc" (Uncle) because of his compassion and love for children; he was a very outstanding teacher of social studies and he made teaching fun; for 35 years he made an impact on the lives of many children; he was one of the Martin Luther King School activity organizers and an assistant track coach; and

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WHEREAS, He was in Who's Who Among Teachers and won the Railroad Safety Award; he had many other accomplishments and achievements; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Michael A. Tolden has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Sandra Faye Floore-Tolden; his daughters, Kimberly (James Route) Swift-Route and Nakeesha Tolden; his son, Michael DeJuan (Andrea Austin) Tolden; his sister, Ardella (Charles) Tolden-Lovelace; his brothers, Maurice (Elaine) Tolden and Paul (Irene) Tolden; his grandchildren, Jaylan, Chauncy, Madison, and Michael; and his many relatives and friends; 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 Michael A. Tolden, and we extend our sincere condolences to his

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