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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 Petty Officer Jesse Lawrence Franklin Jr. of Chicago, on June 20, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on June 16, 1984, to Sheryl and Jesse Franklin; as a child he enjoyed going to Vocational Bible School and attending Henderson Elementary; he graduated from Dunbar Vocational High School having excelled while there, making the Honor Roll nearly every semester; and

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WHEREAS, Following high school, he often took jobs that allowed him to work closely with family members; he worked with his cousin, Richard, at West Loop Auto, and with his brother, Kristopher, his sister, Keyauna, and his cousin, Corey, at the Spirit of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, In September of 2004, he enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, on the USS Washington, working in the security and engineering fields; and

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WHEREAS, He was united in marriage to LaTiana Bryant in April of 2005, with the couple expecting their first child in December of 2006; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Petty Officer Jesse Lawrence Franklin Jr. has been deeply felt by many, especially his parents, Sheryl and Jesse Franklin Sr.; his unborn child; his wife, LaTiana Franklin; his grandmother, June Brownlee; his grandfather, Guy Brownlee; his step-grandfather, Barney Fordham, his sisters, Keyauna (Yul) and Tyricka Franklin, LaTarsha and Rekia Carothers; his brothers, Kristopher Franklin, Jesse and Jeremy Carothers; his nieces, Keyhala Franklin, LaTaisha, Takira, Kiara, and Jakiyah Carothers; his nephews, Kristopher Franklin Jr., Tommie, Tyler, Keshawn, and

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1 Joshua Carothers; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Rhonda
2 and Levester Bryant Sr.; his brother-in-law, Levester Bryant
3 Jr.; his sisters-in-law, Latrice, LaRissa, and Leontyne
4 Bryant; his favorite cousins, Corey and Shardae Wilson and
5 Richard (Rakim) and Pamela Franklin; his great aunts, Mae
6 Thomas (T) and Diana Alexander; his aunts, Shelia and Shawn
7 Brownlee, Barbara, Mary, and Dorothy Franklin; his uncles,
8 Calvin Wilson, James Alexander, Sam, Calvin, Jerry, Charles,
9 and Willie Franklin; too many friends to name; and a host of
10 cousins and other relatives; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Petty Officer Jesse Lawrence Franklin Jr., and we extend our
14 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
15 and loved him; and be it further

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