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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Roosevelt Collins Jr. of Chicago, who passed away on February 11, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Roosevelt Collins Jr. was born on April 15, 1947 in Norwood, Louisiana; his parents were Ira Mae Banks-Forman and Charlie Forman Sr.; Roosevelt Collins Jr. was baptized at an early age and became a member of Evergreen Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

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WHEREAS, He graduated from Capital High in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1965; in 1969 he came to Chicago and began his career as a brick mason, and in 1972 became a member of the Bricklayers and Stone Masons Local 21 of Illinois; he enjoyed the art of laying bricks and stones for 34 years and he was known by other brick masons as one of the best in the business; during his career as a brick mason he crossed paths with several guys that he recognized as his buddies, Charlie, Vest and Mr. Hunter; and

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WHEREAS, Roosevelt Collins Jr. was united in holy matrimony to Patricia Lindsey-Kates on December 30, 1994; in 1995 they joined Greater New Jerusalem M.B. Church; he began an early retirement in 2005 and would walk to Monterey Hardware every

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1 morning to hang out with the fellows; he also enjoyed getting  
2 up early mornings to prepare to go fishing with one or all of  
3 the fishermen, Mr. Hamilton, Dinky, Lee, and William; and

4 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his mother and father  
5 Ira Mae and Charlie Forman Sr. and Roosevelt "Honey" Collins;  
6 his son Dejuan Depree Collins; and his two sisters Elizabeth  
7 Jarrell and Josephine Forman; and

8 WHEREAS, Roosevelt Collins Jr. leaves to cherish his  
9 memory: his devoted wife, Patricia Kates-Collins; his  
10 daughters Rochelle Collins and Theresa Moore; his son Troy Lee  
11 Kates III; his brothers, Charles Edward (Wanda), Charlie  
12 (Kathy), Joe "Tiny", and John Forman; his sister Carolyn  
13 Stewart (Bennie); his sister, Mary Smith (Clifford); his  
14 brother Robert; his seven grandchildren; and a host of aunties,  
15 uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and  
16 friends; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
19 his family and friends, the passing of Roosevelt Collins Jr.;  
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Roosevelt Collins Jr. as a symbol of

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1 our sympathy.