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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 Roger D. Barfield Sr., who passed away on July 16, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Roger D. Barfield Sr. was born on June 13, 1945 in National City; his parents were Alonzo and Burnett Barfield; and

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WHEREAS, Roger D. Barfield Sr. was educated in the public schools of East St. Louis, graduating from high school in 1963; after high school, he joined the Marines and was stationed at Quantico Marine Corps Officers School in Virginia; while at the school, he joined the track team and became a 1964 Olympic hopeful by clearing 7 feet in the high jump and jumping more than 50 feet in the triple jump the same year; his dream of becoming an Olympic gold medalist was cut short by the Vietnam War; he retired from the military after 20 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Roger D. Barfield Sr. worked for the United States Postal Service, receiving numerous perfect attendance awards; he retired after 20 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Roger D. Barfield Sr. loved sports and followed

1 them as closely as he could, with local sports being his  
2 favorite pastime; he also coached various youth groups; and

3 WHEREAS, Roger D. Barfield Sr. was preceded in death by his  
4 parents and his siblings, Burnett Hudson, Ray Barfield, Ruby  
5 White, and Mae Byrd; and

6 WHEREAS, Roger D. Barfield Sr. is survived by his loving  
7 and devoted wife, Jeweline; his sons, Aubrey N. (Maria)  
8 Kennedy, Roger D. (Imee) Barfield, Jr., and Chad H. Barfield;  
9 his brothers, Beaufus Barfield and Emery Barfield; his sister,  
10 Iva Jean (Marvin) Lambert; his grandchildren, Renaldo, Zsa Zsa,  
11 Bradley, Paris, and Roger D. Barfield III; his brother-in-law,  
12 James (Ethel) White; his sisters-in-law, Pauline Edwards,  
13 Betty Walker-Woods, Girthal (Harold) Clemons, Birthal (George)  
14 McIntosh, Sue Chieke, Louise Smith, Bobby Golliday; and a host  
15 of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

16 WHEREAS, Roger D. Barfield Sr. will be remembered by all  
17 who knew and loved him as a dedicated man who took hold of life  
18 and gave it his best; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
21 his family and friends, the passing of Roger D. Barfield Sr.;  
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1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Roger D. Barfield Sr. as an  
3 expression of our sympathy.