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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 Ira Harris Jr. of North Chicago, who passed away on June 4, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Ira Harris Jr. was born on June 16, 1926 in Texarkana, Arkansas; his parents were Ira Sr. and Jeannette Harris; and

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WHEREAS, Ira Harris Jr. was employed by the American Motors Corporation for 40 years; he served as an inspiration for many area youths as a coach and equipment manager for North Chicago High School and Forest Park in North Chicago; and he dutifully served on the North Chicago School Board for 3 terms; and

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WHEREAS, Ira Harris Jr. held memberships with numerous organizations; he was a loyal member of the United Grand Lodge, State of Illinois, where he was a Worshipful Master, Imperial Potentate, and 33rd Degree Mason; he was an active member of the Elks Fort Little Lodge 1359; and he served as treasurer with the NAACP from 1970 to 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Ira Harris Jr. was preceded in death by his parents, Ira Sr. and Jeannette, and his brother, William Lewis Harris; and

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1           WHEREAS, Ira Harris Jr. is survived by his wife, Zerlene  
2 Echols-Harris; his sister, Joan Harris-Singleton; his  
3 daughters, Ann Theresa Yarber, Lorris Marie Ware, and Jewel  
4 Echols; his grandchildren, Sam Yarber, Alura Yarber, Andre  
5 Yarber, Edward Ware III, Ira Phillip Broughton, Eurydice Echols,  
6 and Trelusce Echols; his great-grandchildren, Irayanna  
7 Broughton, Edward T. Ware, Essence Ware, Cody Ware, Alouwon  
8 Yarber, Assatta Yarber, Alex Yarber, Adan Yarber, and Arianna  
9 Yarber; his nieces, Kim Mari Williams and Joan Singleton; his  
10 nephews, James Singleton, Steven Singleton, William Singleton,  
11 and Scott Singleton; his sister-in-law, Frances B. Harris; and  
12 many other relatives and friends; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
15 his family and friends, the passing of Ira Harris Jr.; and be  
16 it further

17           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Ira Harris Jr. as an expression of  
19 our sympathy.