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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 Thomas, who passed away on November 12, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Roosevelt Thomas was born on May 23, 1945 in Lexington, Mississippi; he was the seventh child of Mose and Bertha Thomas; and

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WHEREAS, Roosevelt Thomas accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Lexington, Mississippi; he received his education at the Tchula Attendance Center, where he began his love of sports, particularly football; and

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WHEREAS, Roosevelt Thomas served in the United States Army, serving one tour of duty in Vietnam; he ultimately achieved the rank of Sergeant E-5 before his discharge; and

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WHEREAS, Roosevelt Thomas met his future wife, Dorothy, in 1967; after a wonderful courtship, they married in 1970; soon after his marriage, he began working for United Parcel Service, where he worked as a driver for 34 years; and

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WHEREAS, Roosevelt Thomas was active in many

1 organizations, with his favorite being the Tchula Attendance  
2 Center Class Reunion Committee; and

3 WHEREAS, Roosevelt Thomas was preceded in death by his  
4 parents, Mose and Bertha, and his siblings, Joe Roger, Dorothy  
5 Grace, Eddie Lee, and Geneva Thomas; and

6 WHEREAS, Roosevelt Thomas is survived by his wife, Dorothy;  
7 his sons, Douglas (Chasitie), Curtis (Angela), and Courtney;  
8 his niece, Dionne (Craig) Dandridge; his grandchildren,  
9 Autumn, Austin, and Shanaya; his siblings, Inez Thomas, Odessa  
10 Hampton, Earline Smith, Louella Simpson, Lorraine Thomas,  
11 Loretta Thomas, Sandra Hill, Brenda Harris, and Tommy Thomas;  
12 and his many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends;  
13 therefore, be it

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

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Roosevelt Thomas as an expression of  
20 our sympathy.