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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 Roy Williams of Alton, who passed away on April 2, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Roy Williams was born on August 5, 1950 in Alton; he was the son of Warren E. and Vivian R. (Wilson) Williams; on March 20, 1999, he was united in holy matrimony to the former Vicki Searles; and

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WHEREAS, Roy Williams graduated from Alton Senior High School in 1968; he was employed with Owens-Illinois Glass Works for 10 years, Shell Oil Refinery, and Anderson Funeral Home; he attended Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago, where he obtained his associate degree in funeral service and became a licensed funeral director and embalmer in the State of Illinois; in 1982, he became the owner and operator of Williams Mortuary; and

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WHEREAS, Roy Williams was serving as Worship Master of Dunbar Lodge 97, Prince Hall Affiliation-State of Illinois and was a 33-degree Mason; he was a member of Tyree Consistory 64, where he was a Past Commander-in-Chief; he was a member of Aahmes Temple 132 and was a Past Potentate of Prince Hall Shriners; he was also a member of Union Baptist Church; and

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1           WHEREAS, Roy Williams is survived by his wife, Vicki; his  
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3           Vivian and Michael Weaver, and Christina Williams; his sons,  
4           Leon Williams, James Searles, Roy Williams II, and Ryon  
5           Williams; his brother and his wife, Warren E. and Carole  
6           Williams; his sisters and brother-in-law, Barbara Williams,  
7           Sylvia Williams, and Tamara and Curtis Windham; his special  
8           son, Calvin Tolbert; and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews,  
9           brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, cousins, friends, and  
10          acquaintances; and

11          WHEREAS, Roy Williams will be remembered by all who knew  
12          and loved him as a loving and caring man who loved people and  
13          lived his life to the fullest; 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 Roy Williams; and be it  
17          further

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