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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 Joseph Roosevelt Peabody of East St. Louis, who passed away on May 6, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Peabody was born on December 23, 1934 in East St. Louis; his parents were Clifford and Rosie Lee (Washington) Peabody; he was the fourth of five children; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Peabody attended the East St. Louis Public Schools and graduated from Lincoln Senior High School; upon his honorable discharge from the United States Navy, he enrolled at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree; he then completed a Master of Social Work degree from St. Louis University; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Peabody held various positions in the field of social services; he was employed as a social worker with Illinois Public Aid; he served as Director of the Governor Ogilvie Office of Human Resources in East St. Louis; he served as Executive Director of the Economic Opportunity Commission and the Southwestern Illinois Agency on Aging; he served as School District 189's Division Director; he was employed with the East Side Health District; and he served as an Asthma Counselor for Washington University; and

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1           WHEREAS, Joseph Peabody's dedication to the East St. Louis  
2 community was demonstrated in his civic accomplishments; in  
3 addition to serving as a board member to various organizations,  
4 he was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; he was  
5 also a School Board Member of School District 189 and a  
6 Precinct 36 Committee Member; and

7           WHEREAS, Joseph Peabody married Barbara Jean Savage on  
8 December 24, 1961; from that union, three children were born,  
9 Kimberly Lynn Peabody, Ph.D., Kraig Roosevelt Peabody, and  
10 Kendall Clifford Peabody, MBA (Jaye Lynn); he also had four  
11 grandchildren, Adrian Kendall, Kendall Clifford Jr., Jaden  
12 Joseph, and Maya Nicole Ina; he had many accomplishments  
13 throughout his life, yet he was most proud of his family; and

14           WHEREAS, Joseph Peabody will be remembered by all who knew  
15 and loved him as a charismatic and energetic man, a jovial and  
16 kind friend, a generous and dedicated father, a proud and  
17 supportive grandfather (PaPa), and a caring and loving husband;  
18 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 Joseph Roosevelt  
22 Peabody; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Joseph Peabody as an expression of  
3 our sympathy.