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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 Akeem Christopher Boone of Carrollton, Georgia, who passed away on August 23, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on May 6, 1987, in Lancaster, California, to Sybil J. Mercier Boone Parker and the late Leeandrew C.C. Boone; he and his family lived in Chicago from shortly after his birth until 1996, when they moved to Georgia; and

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WHEREAS, He accepted Jesus as his Savior at Zoe Christian Fellowship City Church in Atlanta, Georgia; he continued to serve in the ministry of the church and worked in its sound booth; and

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WHEREAS, He attended Campbell High School in Smyrna, Georgia, where he participated in the International Baccalaureate program for 3 years, played Spartans football and wrestled for 4 years, and, in his junior year, won the Regional Wrestling Championship for the 275-pound weight class while weighing only 225 pounds; and

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WHEREAS, He attended the University of West Georgia, where he played for the West Georgia Wolves football team and joined

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1 the brotherhood of the African American Learning Center and the
2 Black Men With Initiative under the leadership of Dr. Said
3 Sewell; and

4 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his father; and

5 WHEREAS, Akeem Christopher Boone is survived by his mother,
6 Sybil; his brother, Rashad; his sisters, Shadra and Shayla
7 (Pam); his niece, Tonja Lynn; his nephew, Tajan Leo
8 Christopher; his paternal grandmother, Glenola Lashley; and
9 his uncles, aunts, great-uncles, great-aunts, cousins, and
10 friends; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
13 his family and friends, the passing of Akeem Christopher Boone;
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Akeem Christopher Boone as a symbol
17 of our sincere sympathy.