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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 Melvin Simms Sr., who passed away on February 5, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Simms Sr. was born on November 26, 1945, in Birmingham, Alabama; his parents were the late Laura Hutcherson and Bonnie Simms; he was raised by the late John and Alberta Springer; he married Shirley Ann Wells on January 13, 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Simms Sr. accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Antioch Baptist Church in Edenborn, Pennsylvania; and

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WHEREAS, In 1963, Melvin Simms Sr. graduated from German Township Senior High School; in 1966, he joined the United States Army, where he served his country as a cook until he received his honorable discharge in February of 1968; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Simms Sr. was an employee of the Ford Motor Company from 1968 until his retirement in 2005, after 37 years of dedicated service; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Simms Sr. was preceded in death by his brothers, William Simms and Richard Hutcherson, and his son,

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1 Melvin Simms Jr.; and

2 WHEREAS, Melvin Simms Sr. is survived by his wife, Shirley;  
3 his daughters, Sherri Wells-Miller, Karen Wells-McGregory  
4 (Fabian), Keyarra "Tudy" Clarett, and Aishia P. Simms; his son,  
5 Craig Parham; his grandchildren, Sheree, Dynisha, Sierra, and  
6 Calib; his brothers, Joe "Bobby" Hutcherson and Larry  
7 Hutcherson; his sister, Betty; and his many other relatives and  
8 friends; and

9 WHEREAS, Melvin Simms Sr. will be remembered by all who  
10 knew and loved him as a kind, soft-spoken, and wise man whose  
11 love for his family and friends was unmatched; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
14 his family and friends, the passing of Melvin Simms Sr.; and be  
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Melvin Simms Sr. as an expression of  
18 our sympathy.