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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 George Ellis, Jr., of North Chicago, who passed away on March 10, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on June 21, 1934 in Lorman, Mississippi to the late George, Sr., and Julia Ellis; George accepted Christ at an early age at Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church in Lorman, Mississippi; and

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WHEREAS, He was an active member of Christian Valley Missionary Baptist Church in North Chicago; he was ordained as deacon by the late Reverend Clarence Clarke; George served as deacon, treasurer, Sunday school teacher, mission teacher, and on many other ministries; he was also a member of the Male Chorus; he was a faithful and dedicated member who loved serving the Lord and his church; and

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WHEREAS, Upon completion of high school, George served in the United States Army and was a Korean War Veteran; he attended DeVry Institute of Technology and the College of Lake County; he was employed as an Electrical Supervisor with the Department of Defense, where he later retired after 25 years of service; shortly after his retirement, George started his own business as an electrical contractor serving many in the Lake

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1 County area; and

2 WHEREAS, George had a passion for fishing and reading; he  
3 was also an avid bowler with local leagues and took great pride  
4 in his garden; George loved spending time with his family and  
5 he especially enjoyed the family gatherings; and

6 WHEREAS, On December 15, 1962, George married Josie M.  
7 Brown, and to this union four children were born; and

8 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; and

9 WHEREAS, George Ellis, Jr. leaves to cherish his memory,  
10 his loving and devoted wife of 47 years, Josie Ellis; his three  
11 sons, Darryl (Donna) Ellis, Todd (Marcia) Ellis, and Eric  
12 (Tiffany) Ellis; his daughter, Katherine (Randy) Swopes; his  
13 thirteen grandchildren; his sister, Mary (Thomas) Haley; his  
14 sister-in-law, Esther Brown; his brothers-in-law, Millard  
15 (Carmela) Brown and Norman Brown; his very special niece, Iris  
16 Kiles; and other relatives and friends as well as his Christian  
17 Valley Church family; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
20 his family and friends, the passing of George Ellis, Jr.; and  
21 be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of George Ellis, Jr., as a symbol of  
3 our sincere sympathy.