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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 Richard J. Kelly of Oak Park, who passed away on April 15, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly was from the Southside of Chicago and raised in the Beverly neighborhood; he was a graduate of St. Ignatius High School and Notre Dame University; and

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WHEREAS, He was the son of a salesman and a social worker, and was inspired by the Reverend Andrew Greeley, assistant pastor at Christ the King Parish in Beverly during the 1960s, to become involved in the civil rights movement; and

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WHEREAS, He marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Marquette Park and was a community organizer on the West Side of Chicago; he taught school in Hattiesburg, Mississippi during "Freedom Summer" in 1964, as well as registering voters and protesting; and

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WHEREAS, He later taught in the Chicago public schools and drove a taxi in the suburbs; he took time off from teaching to work in the administration of former Illinois Governor Dan Walker as a liaison to labor unions; and

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1           WHEREAS, He was an active member of the St. Giles Community  
2 in Oak Park and headed a social committee there for many years;  
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4           WHEREAS, Richard J. Kelly was the beloved husband of  
5 Margaret E. Field; the loving father of Michael S. (Lucy Fox)  
6 Kelly; and the stepfather of Jason (Jennifer Chhatlani) Rosado,  
7 Megan (David Skach) Rosado, Jason (Julie) Foras, and Jennifer  
8 (Brendon) Pollard; the cherished grandfather of Benjamin,  
9 Isaac, and Alfred Kelly; the dear brother of Thomas Kelly, Jack  
10 Kelly, Suzanne Kelly, and Michael (Meg) Kelly, and the late Jim  
11 Kelly; the dear brother-in-law of Kathleen (Edward Ogata) Orr,  
12 William (Mary Ann) Field, Laurie Rostholder, and Toddy Kelly;  
13 and the fond uncle of Tom, Dan, Aileen, Josh, Rose, Alison, and  
14 Molly; therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
17 his family and friends, the passing of Richard J. Kelly; and be  
18 it further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Richard Kelly as a symbol of our  
21 sincere sympathy.