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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Marvin Wright, who passed away on August
4 3, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Wright was born on May 20, 1917 in Fulton,
6 Alabama; his parents were Marvin Wright, Sr. and Almeda (nee
7 Falconer) Wright; he married Katie (nee Harper) Wright on March
8 21, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Wright earned his Bachelor's Degree from
10 Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana and his Master's
11 Degree plus 30 from the University of Illinois at
12 Urbana-Champaign; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Wright proudly served in the United States
14 Army as a staff sergeant in the European Theater of Operations
15 during the World War II battles and campaigns at Normandy,
16 Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland, and Central
17 Europe, which began on "D-Day" on June 6, 1944; his service
18 gained him many decorations and citations, including the Silver
19 Star, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory
20 Medal; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Wright was a premier educator and

1 administrator, having served with distinction as an elementary
2 school teacher and principal in East St. Louis School District
3 189 until his retirement from the district on June 30, 1979; he
4 later served as manager of the Illinois Attorney General's East
5 St. Louis Office; during the 1990 Census, he served as an
6 official at the Belleville, Illinois Census Office; and

7 WHEREAS, Marvin Wright was a professional musician with
8 such notables as Clark Terry and others; he was a jazz devotee
9 who was also studious and scholarly; he loved to read and
10 subscribed to many scholarly magazines and men's fashion
11 magazines; he was also known and admired for his dapper manner
12 of attire and impeccable grooming; and

13 WHEREAS, Marvin Wright was a member of Veterans of Foreign
14 Wars Post 3480, where he served as commander of the post and as
15 quartermaster of the post for several terms; he was also a
16 member of the American Legion and served as inaugural chairman
17 of the State Community Board, president of the Senior Citizens
18 Organization, president of the School District 189 Principals'
19 Organization, and Boy Scout leader; he was a member of Phi
20 Delta Kappa; and

21 WHEREAS, Marvin Wright was preceded in death by his
22 parents; his sister, Blanche (nee Wright) Dotson; his nephew,
23 Thomas Dotson; and many of his cousins; and

1 WHEREAS, Marvin Wright is survived by his wife, Dr. Katie
2 Harper Wright; his step-daughter, Virginia Jordan; his
3 granddaughter, Diana Kaye Jordan; and his many cousins,
4 friends, and colleagues; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
7 family and friends, mourn the passing of Marvin Wright; and be
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Marvin Wright as an expression of
11 our sympathy.