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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 James Deanes; and

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WHEREAS, James Deanes was employed with the Chicago Public
5 School system for almost 20 years in roles that included
6 special assistant to the President of the Chicago Board of
7 Education; he retired from CPS in 2013 as senior policy adviser
8 for Local School Council relations; and

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WHEREAS, James Deanes was a driving force behind the school
10 reform movement that created the Local School Council model
11 still largely in use today; he was appointed in 1987 by the
12 late Mayor Harold Washington to lead the Parent Community
13 Council, which helped persuade Illinois lawmakers to pass
14 legislation creating the LSCs, giving parents more of a role in
15 their children's education; and

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WHEREAS, James Deanes was an active member of his
17 community; he started youth baseball teams in the Austin
18 neighborhood, led anti-drug marches on Saturday nights, and
19 served on PTAs, councils, and other school organizations; and

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WHEREAS, James Deanes was preceded in death by his wife,
21 Evelyn; and

1 WHEREAS, James Deanes is survived by his children, Kenya,
2 Corey, James, Malcolm, and Denna; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
5 family and friends, mourn the passing of James Deanes; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of James Deanes as an expression of our
9 sympathy.