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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 Horace G. Livingston, Jr. of Decatur, who passed away on June 19, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Horace Livingston, Jr. was born in Decatur on November 10, 1921 to Arlusta Sanders Bates Livingston and Horace G. Livingston, Sr.; he married Osceen Ella Carmen in Clayton, Missouri in 1940 and served in the United States Navy during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, Horace Livingston, Jr. was well known for his notable works as publisher and editor for "The Voice Newspaper" which covered the areas of Bloomington, Decatur, and Springfield for 40 years; he previously worked in many other capacities; he was an owner and operator of a service station, music promoter, radio program host, brick layer, and construction worker, helping build St. Mary's Hospital; he was a civil rights activist and fought for many causes that have benefited the entire Decatur community; and

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WHEREAS, Horace Livingston, Jr. received several certificates, awards, and special recognitions from various local, State, and national organizations and agencies, including the Springfield Branch of the NAACP, Downstate IL

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1 Enterprise Systems, Crime Stoppers, the Tumaro Corporation,
2 Cans Across the Country, the Sanger Award, the American Muslim
3 Mission (Decatur), the University of Illinois Cooperative
4 Extension Service, the Department of Children and Family
5 Services, Mayor for a Day, Youth at the Crossroads, D.I.M.E.S.
6 Hall of Fame, One Church, One Child, the DOVE Board of
7 Directors (Past President), Lakeview Elks Lodge 1132, the
8 United Way, the Decatur Boys and Girls Club, the Economic
9 Development Corporation, the City of Decatur, and the Macon
10 County Historical Society; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2007, Horace Livingston, Jr. received the
12 Stephen Decatur Medallion, the highest honor given from the
13 City of Decatur which was presented by Mayor Paul Osborne; he
14 was also a social and community activist and participated in
15 food baskets for needy families, Christmas toys for needy
16 children, the tennis extravaganza at Fairview Park, the Hickory
17 Point Golf Tournament, and protest marches; and

18 WHEREAS, Horace Livingston, Jr. was a long-time member of
19 the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur, where he was
20 a trustee and assisted in the clothing room; and

21 WHEREAS, Horace Livingston, Jr. was preceded in death by
22 his parents; wife; sisters, Bertha Bates Day Washington, Mamie
23 Lee Johnson, Odell Livingston, Charles Bates "Uncle Boots", and

1 Roy Lee Livingston; and

2 WHEREAS, Horace Livingston, Jr. is survived by his sons,
3 Stanford G. Livingston, Mitchel (Carol) Livingston, Gregory
4 (Freda) Livingston, Cornelius McGruder, Jeffrey (Sherri)
5 Perkins, and Kerwin Jones; daughters, Lynnette (Grady) Mims,
6 Sheila (Dell) Watson, Stephanie (Kyle Pierre) Nfr, Linda
7 (Ricardo) Lopez, Lisa (Lester) Robinson, Gilda (Tim) Spencer,
8 and Tamara (Tom) Rubio; brother, Otis (Honey Lee) Livingston;
9 and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and
10 great-great-children; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Horace G. Livingston, Jr., and extend our sincere condolences
14 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Horace Livingston, Jr. as an
18 expression of our deepest sympathy.