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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 Billy J. Burks of North Chicago, who passed away on March 5, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Billy Burks was born in Mexia, Texas to Elijah Burks Jr. and Lurlean Adams on September 3, 1944; and

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WHEREAS, Billy Burks retired from OMC and Gurnee School District 56; and

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WHEREAS, Billy Burks enjoyed building computers and spending time with his grandchildren; he was active at Mt. Sinai Institutional Baptist Church of North Chicago with the Usher Ministry for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Billy Burks was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers, Mack Edward Burks and Elijah Burks III; and

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WHEREAS, Billy Burks is survived by his wife of 49 years, Harrie (Burks); his son, Rodottes (Bertha) Burks; his daughter, Quanisha Burks; his two sisters, Nevada (Elmo) Hawkins and Nylene Bigham; his brother, Tennyson Burks; his four grandchildren, Shaniqua, Zaira, Nathan, and Demetrius; his four sisters-in-law, Ollie Pearl Payne, Ida Nabors, Ethel

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1 Nabors, and Margaret Nell Burks; his brother-in-law, Pastor
2 John E. (Katherine) Nabors; his lifelong friends, Lawrence
3 Domino, Pastor A.L. Douglas Sr., Pete Curry, Norman Curry,
4 Herbert, Ronnie Barnett, Andrew Alston, and Phillip Moore; his
5 special daughter, Rose Mary West; his special cousin, Francine;
6 and a host of other family and friends; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Billy J. Burks, and extend our sincere condolences to his
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Billy Burks as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.