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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 Charlie "Chuck" Smith Jr. of Chicago, who passed away on October 12, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Chuck Smith was born in Hughes, Arkansas, to Jeff Smith and Eliza Thomas on January 20, 1927; he was their seventh child; he attended Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Hughes; he moved to Chicago and was a deacon at True Vine Missionary Church; he married Lottie Mae Thomas in 1972; and

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WHEREAS, Chuck Smith served in the United States Army in the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1952; he worked at Glidden Paint Company, from which he retired after 25 years; he then opened his own business, Chuck's Garage; and

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WHEREAS, Chuck Smith was a 33rd Degree Master Mason and a member of the Jordan Temple Grand Lodge in Chicago; he was a compassionate and fun-loving person who was the life of the party; he was protective of his family and known for his strength and smile; and

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WHEREAS, Chuck Smith was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Viola Singletary, Samela Cooks, Mae Lisa Stewart, and Della Thomas; his brothers, Elroy Shaw and J.T. Thomas; and

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1 his children, Valeria Mae Smith and Karrie Smith; and

2 WHEREAS, Chuck Smith is survived by his wife, Lottie; his  
3 daughters, Jovonda (Mark) Schafrik, Loretta Kidd Brady, and  
4 Charlene (Ron) Murakam; his 13 grandchildren; his 30  
5 great-grandchildren; his three special godsons, Enock Clark  
6 Bey, Larry Young, and Farley Keith (Delcey) Williams; and many  
7 nieces, nephews, and friends; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
10 Charlie "Chuck" Smith Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to  
11 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Chuck Smith as an expression of our  
15 deepest sympathy.