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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of William Boyd "Bill" Ferrell, III, on March 2, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on June 22, 1924, in Chicago to William Boyd Ferrell, II, and Pearl Knox Ferrell Dumas; he was baptized in the Catholic Church and was a member of St. Basil's Catholic Church in Vallejo, California; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Ferrell valiantly served his country and received an honorable discharge from the United States Army after being wounded in combat in World War II; and

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WHEREAS, He was a jack-of-all-trades; he worked as an insurance agent, a counselor for AA, as well as a political liaison for the late Mayor Harold Washington; he moved to California in 1979, where he operated a home maintenance business until he retired; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Ferrell loved the water, boats, and sports; he was a basketball coach for Chicago's Inner City League and an umpire for the ASA in California; he was a member of the Elk's Lodge in California; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of William Boyd "Bill" Ferrell, III, has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife of 45 years, Barbara "Bobbie" Laye Ferrell; his children, William Ferrell, IV, Major (Linda) Ferrell, Jose Ferrell, JéNice (Herman) James, Keith (Stephanie) Ferrell, Ginger Ferrell, and Edgar Ferrell; his fourteen grandchildren; his eleven great-grandchildren; and his many other relatives and friends; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 William Boyd "Bill" Ferrell, III, and we extend our deepest  
2 sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
3 him; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to his family as an expression of our sincere  
6 condolences.