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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Ronald Lee Smith of Springfield on Thursday, July 21, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was born on November 25, 1938, in Centralia to Raymond Smith and Gloria Nash; he attended Centralia public schools and continued his education at Lincoln Land Junior College and the University of Illinois at Springfield; he married Margo Hatcher; and

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WHEREAS, He moved to Springfield in 1972 and worked for Roland Burris as his executive assistant at the State of Illinois Comptroller's Office and Attorney General's Office for 25 years; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a member of Union Baptist Church and served on the Board of Trustees and in the Men's Choir; he also served as a volunteer Red Coat for Memorial Medical Center; he was a member of the Springfield Lions Club, Promise Keepers, American Legion Post 809, and various other organizations; he was a veteran of the U.S. Army; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Ronald Lee Smith has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Margo; his children, Ronald Jr. and Keyla; his grandsons, DeAntae Williams and Jamell Smith; his cousins, Joanne Nixon, Cladurette Moore, and Derek (Rosemary) Nash; 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 Ronald Lee Smith, and we extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
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