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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 Richard Rita of Port Charlotte, Florida, formerly of Blue Island, who passed away on July 13, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Rita was born October 1, 1953; he was a graduate of Marist High School and attended Moraine Valley Community College; he also attended the American Conservatory of Music and studied percussion; and

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WHEREAS, He was invited to play with Ramsey Lewis and his band; he tried out for the Chicago Symphony; and he traveled the Midwest with a soul band, a jazz band, and a pop band over the years; and

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WHEREAS, He was a probation officer in Cook County from 1983 to 1988 and worked with the Florida Department of Corrections from 1988 to 2008; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of the Knights of Columbus; he was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and served as an Eucharistic minister and helped with the youth ministry; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Richard Rita will be deeply felt by

1 his wife of 23 years, Kathy; his children, Richard, Kristen,
2 and Kelly; his parents, John D. and Rose V. Rita; his sister,
3 Nancy Rita McDaniel; his brothers, John Rita, Jr. and Illinois
4 State Representative Robert "Bob" Rita; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
7 his family and friends, the passing of Richard Rita; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Richard Rita as an expression of our
11 sympathy.