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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 Dwight Rattler of East St. Louis, who passed away on July 24, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, He was born August 15, 1950 in Golden Garden, the son of Charlie, Sr. and Essie Mae (James) Rattler; he confessed his faith early and attended First Baptist Church under the pastor of Reverend J.H. Collins; and

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WHEREAS, He graduated from East St. Louis Senior High School in 1969; he enlisted in the United States Army and served as a Military Police Officer and platoon leader; he attended the University of Illinois at Chicago; he graduated from Texas Southern University with a degree in Administration of Justice; and

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WHEREAS, He had a passion of politics and world affairs; he served as the Chairman of the Centreville Democratic Organization for many years; he loved sports, was a golf caddy in his youth, and played golf throughout his life; and he coached little league football during his early adulthood; and

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WHEREAS, Over the course of his life he held a position at Monsanto Chemical Company, worked as a Juvenile Probation

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1 Officer for the St. Louis Juvenile Court, and was the part-time
2 Director of Centreville Parks for eight years; for the last
3 eighteen years he worked for School District 189 of East St.
4 Louis, most recently as Director of Security; and

5 WHEREAS, Dwight Rattler is survived by his wife of 26
6 years, Janet L. (Woodard) Rattler; his daughters, Lauriel L.
7 Rattler and Brittney S. Rattler; his mother-in-law, Myrdis
8 Woodard; his sister-in-law, Zandra Thomas (husband, Carl
9 Thomas); brothers-in-law, Morris Woodard and Marvin Woodard,
10 Jr. (wife, Zena Woodard); mother, Essie Mae Rattler; brothers,
11 Clemel Rattler (wife, Doris Rattler), Charlie Rattler, Jr.
12 (wife, Lillie Rattler), and Kenneth Rattler (wife, Marquato
13 Rattler); sister, Leatrice Jackson; his special nephew, Drake
14 Jackson; and a host of relatives and friends; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 his family and friends, the passing of Dwight Rattler; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Dwight Rattler as a symbol of our
21 sympathy.