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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 Alton L. Gill, Sr. who passed away on April 17, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Alton L. Gill, Sr. was born on December 20, 1914 in Brookhaven, Mississippi; he was born to the union of John Gill and Ruth Carter; he married Celestine Bunch on November 20, 1936; and

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WHEREAS, After relocating to Chicago from Mississippi as a child, Alton L. Gill, Sr. began his education at Doolittle Grammar School and Oakland Grammar School, before moving on to St. Elizabeth High School and graduating at Wendell Philip High School; and

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WHEREAS, Alton L. Gill, Sr. was employed at Northwestern Railroad as a Pullman porter in the dining room car for over 20 years; as a child, he served as an apprentice at Joe Horowitz Meat Market in the Bronzeville neighborhood; his apprenticeship enabled him to pursue his dream of establishing his own business, a supermarket in Griffith, Indiana; he also pursued farming in Michigan and became an agricultural entrepreneur, raising farm animals and crops which he later sold in Chicago; and

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1           WHEREAS, Alton L. Gill, Sr. served his country with pride  
2 and distinction as a member of the Illinois National Guard for  
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4           WHEREAS, Alton L. Gill, Sr. enjoyed ballroom dancing,  
5 fishing, and collecting coins; and

6           WHEREAS, Alton L. Gill, Sr. accepted Christ at an early  
7 age; he would later join the Catholic Church through the St.  
8 Columbanus Parish and serve as a long-time member of St.  
9 Dorothy Catholic Church and St. Dorothy's Holy Name Society; in  
10 his later years, he attended St. Sabina while living as a  
11 resident of the St. Sabina Elders Village; and

12           WHEREAS, Alton L. Gill, Sr. is survived by his children,  
13 Alton Jr. (Madeline) and LaVergne (Bob); his grandchildren,  
14 Lynette (Bruce), Adam, Aaron (Malikah), and Robert; his  
15 great-grandchildren, Bruce, Jr., Naimah, Noah, and Dakari; his  
16 stepsons, Bill (Shirley) and John; and his many loving cousins  
17 and friends; therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
20 his family and friends, the passing of Alton L. Gill, Sr.; and  
21 be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Alton L. Gill, Sr. as an expression  
3 of our sympathy.