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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Odie C. Carpenter Sr.; and

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WHEREAS, Odie Carpenter Sr. was born on January 4, 1925, in  
5 Macon, Mississippi; his parents were Susie Dolly and Henry  
6 Carpenter; and

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WHEREAS, Odie Carpenter Sr. attended school in Macon,  
8 Mississippi; he later moved to East St. Louis and enlisted into  
9 the United States Army as a military policeman; he was awarded  
10 a Victory Medal for his service during World War II; while he  
11 was in the military, he met and married Ramona Carpenter; and

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WHEREAS, After his stint in the Army, Odie Carpenter Sr.  
13 returned to East St. Louis and began selling insurance for the  
14 Supreme Life Insurance Company; he later began working at St.  
15 Clair Laundry; he then left St. Clair and became a mail handler  
16 with the United States Postal Service, where he served  
17 faithfully until his retirement after 29 years of service;  
18 after his retirement from the Postal Service, he served as a  
19 school crossing guard for the East St. Louis School District  
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WHEREAS, Odie Carpenter Sr. was a member of Friendship

1 Missionary Baptist Church and served for many years on the  
2 church's Usher Board; while serving the ushers, he concurrently  
3 served as the treasurer and kept a watchful eye on the  
4 ministries revenue; and

5 WHEREAS, Odie Carpenter Sr. was preceded in death by his  
6 parents; his sister and brother; and his son; and

7 WHEREAS, Odie Carpenter Sr. is survived by his wife of 65  
8 years, Ramona Carpenter; his daughter, Wanda; his sons, Odie  
9 Jr. (Patricia), Danny (Valerie), and Tyrone (Linda); his 14  
10 grandchildren; his 26 great-grandchildren; his special cousin,  
11 Willie Reed; and his many nieces, nephews, other family  
12 members, and friends; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
15 his family and friends, the passing of Odie C. Carpenter Sr.;  
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Odie Carpenter Sr. as an expression  
19 of our sympathy.