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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 Clifton E. "Gene" Black of Taylorville, who passed away on September 27, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Clifton Black was born on August 25, 1931 in Haleyville, Alabama; his parents were William Isaac and Grace Black; he married Carol Mathon on June 5, 1955 in Taylorville; and

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WHEREAS, Clifton Black was a veteran of the United States Army and was stationed in Germany; and

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WHEREAS, As a young man, Clifton Black was a broadcast engineer for WTIM in Taylorville and WMAY in Springfield and a television repairman at Higgason TV and Appliance; and

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WHEREAS, Clifton Black and his wife spent many hours remodeling houses for his children and grandchildren, which taught them the value of hard work and dedication; in his later years, he became the project manager of house remodeling and new construction builds, watching his family follow in his footsteps; and

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WHEREAS, Clifton Black was a loyal Chicago Cubs fan and

1 enjoyed watching them win their 100th game this season; he also
2 enjoyed spending time with his family; and

3 WHEREAS, Clifton Black was preceded in death by his
4 parents; three brothers; and one sister; and

5 WHEREAS, Clifton Black is survived by his wife of 61 years,
6 Carol Black; his children, Susan (George) Calvert, Jane
7 Griffith, Doug (Carla) Black, Lisa (Dan) Nieves, and Lori
8 Smothers; his grandchildren, Amy (Ben) Winans, Aaron (fiancee
9 Malissa) Calvert, Keri (Lee) Mateer, Kati Griffith, Ryne
10 Griffith, Blake Thomas, Connor Black, Jodi (Aaron) Acree,
11 Cassidy Nieves, Reagan Nieves, Adan Nieves, Livia Nieves, Jesse
12 (Kayla) Smothers, and Jacob Smothers; his great-grandchildren,
13 Eric, Travis, and Lilly Winans, Ellee, Emlyn, Eileen, and
14 Eloise Mateer, Carter Thomas, Jayden, Adalyn, and Amelia Acree,
15 and Ryker and Hadley Smothers; his sisters, Marie Marbutt, Faye
16 (Leon) Patterson, and Joan (Jerry) Pinta; and many nieces and
17 nephews; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
20 family and friends, mourn the passing of Clifton E. "Gene"
21 Black; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Clifton Black as an expression of
2 our sympathy.