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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 Eugene V. "Radio" Thompson of Indianapolis, Indiana, formerly of Danville, who passed away on March 11, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Thompson was born to Henry and Lorene Gillet Thompson on October 10, 1925; he was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War; he raised eight children and stepchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Thompson retired as a parts inspector from General Motors in 1975 after 35 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, As one of Danville's first black alderman, Eugene Thompson helped pave the way for minority representation in city government; he worked to improve the older neighborhoods and the lives of their residents; he remained a government watchdog well into his 80s; he was a lifetime member of the VFW and American Legion; he was the first recipient of the Illinois Humanities Council's Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award from Danville; he also received the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Thompson was preceded in death by his

1 parents; his stepson, Darrell Dwayne Lewis; his sister, Hallie
2 Thompson Hardy Lewis; his brothers, Henry "Hank" Thompson,
3 William "Bill" Thompson, and Robert "Bob" Thompson; his former
4 wives, Willie Maxine (Thompson) Lollis, Lugenia Triplett
5 Thompson, and Alpha Mae Johnson Thompson; and

6 WHEREAS, Eugene Thompson is survived by his wife, Loretta
7 Perkins-Thompson; his children, Anthony R. (Connie) Thompson,
8 Rhonda L. (Emanuel) Brown, Nicholas E. Thompson, and Gregory V.
9 Thompson; his stepchildren, Kim Triplett, Denise Mockabee,
10 Carmen Gray, and Kelli Kindle; and his many grandchildren,
11 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Eugene V. "Radio" Thompson and extend our sincere condolences
16 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Eugene Thompson as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.