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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 Rocklett "Rocky" E. Smith of Rock Island, who passed away on December 4, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Rocky Smith was born to Willis Napoleon Smith and Gertrude Savannah Dutton Smith in Louisville, Kentucky on June 12, 1942; he served in the U.S. Army; he married Eilene Murphy in East Moline on September 3, 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Rocky Smith worked at Caterpillar for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Rocky Smith was a member of Christ Apostolic Church, Davenport, where he was a minister, deacon, and Sunday School teacher; and

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WHEREAS, Rocky Smith loved reading, studying the bible, and teaching others; he enjoyed playing chess and a good cup of coffee while reading; and

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WHEREAS, Rocky Smith was preceded in death by his parents; his two sisters; and his five brothers; and

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WHEREAS, Rocky Smith is survived by his wife, Eilene M.

1 Smith; his son, Sedric (Paulita) Murphy; his daughter, Miriam  
2 Smith; his grandchildren, Josua Christopher Murphy and Caleb  
3 Josiah Smith; his brother, Ralph Smith; his sisters, Norma  
4 Louise Woodfork, Audrey Murray, Wanda Dunn, and Quintella  
5 (Raymond) Pulliam; his nieces and nephews; his additional  
6 family; and his special friends, Bishop Richard Hayslett and  
7 Melvin Walton; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
10 Rocklett "Rocky" E. Smith and extend our sincere condolences  
11 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Rocky Smith as an expression of our  
15 deepest sympathy.