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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 Alfred James Hooks of Peoria, who passed away on January 18, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Alfred Hooks was born to Oscar C. and Eva Hooks in Savannah, Georgia on February 19, 1947; he graduated from St. Pius X High School; he earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Duke University in 1968; he married Clara Johnson in Peoria on May 7, 1994; and

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WHEREAS, Alfred Hooks worked at Caterpillar Inc. for 40 years, where he retired as marketing manager; he was a diligent worker who exemplified professionalism; and

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WHEREAS, Alfred Hooks was continually active in the community; he was a member of the Peoria Opportunities Foundation Board of Directors, the Police and Fire Commission, the NAACP, Concerned African American Retirees (CAAR), the National Brotherhood of Skiers, Peoria PAC, and the Dunlap High School Mentoring Program; he was a former member of the Peoria YMCA Board of Directors, the Quest Charter Academy Board, and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Board; he was inducted into the African American Hall of Fame and awarded the Geraldine Mitchell Public Service Award for

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1 dedicating countless hours of service to the Peoria area; and

2 WHEREAS, Alfred Hooks enjoyed playing racquetball,
3 reading, skiing, and flying planes; he obtained his pilot
4 license in 1993, and he especially enjoyed flying Clara over
5 where he was raised in Savannah, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Alfred Hooks was a man of excellence, character,
7 and integrity who loved his wife, children, and grandchildren;
8 his legacy will live on through those he mentored, and
9 inspired; and

10 WHEREAS, Alfred Hooks was preceded in death by his parents
11 and his siblings, Oscar C. Hooks Jr. and Pam Hooks Steverson;
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13 WHEREAS, Alfred Hooks is survived by his wife of 28 years,
14 Clara Johnson; his children, Lori (Malcolm) Cawthorne and
15 Malcolm (Andrea) Hooks; his stepchildren, Tiphonie Morris,
16 Nakita Morris, and Levar (Julia) Morris; his sisters, Alma
17 (Merrill) Russ and Janis (James) Hornsby; his grandchildren,
18 Mariah, Nia, Kellian, Mason, Kelis, Jordon, Tyson, Parker, and
19 Madison; and his great-grandchild, Ryan; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Alfred James Hooks and extend our sincere condolences to his
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Alfred Hooks as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.