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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 Charles E. Hobson Sr., who passed away on September 23, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Hobson was born in Chicago to Charlene and James Hobson on December 4, 1936; he attended Burke Elementary School and DuSable High School in Chicago and earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Roosevelt University; he married Shirley Spencer, and they enjoyed 53 years together before her passing; he later married Abisola Gallagher, and they enjoyed each other's company between the two cities in which they lived; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Hobson had an amazing entrepreneurial spirit and owned various businesses over the years, including two shoe stores, Hobson Shoes and Carriage House Bootery, in the 1960s; he was also a real estate broker, and he owned a successful residential and commercial alarm system company, Electronic Research and Design; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Hobson was born into the church family of Hartzell United Methodist Church and was a member there for many years; he later joined St. Mark United Methodist Church; he loved the choir and sang in the annual Christmas Messiah

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1 concert every year for nearly seven decades; he served in the
2 lay visitation ministry and the United Methodist men's
3 ministry and as a lay leader; one of his treasured
4 accomplishments was being named Man of the Year at St. Mark;
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6 WHEREAS, Charles Hobson was known for his delicious
7 homemade rolls and pound cake; he enjoyed traveling, taking
8 trips to Aruba and visiting his children in Atlanta; when it
9 came to music, he loved the jazz classics; in recent years, he
10 developed a passion for the game of scrabble, enjoying it with
11 his beloved companion, Darlene; and

12 WHEREAS, Charles Hobson was a man of gentle strength, warm
13 elegance, confidence, and deep faith; all of which could be
14 seen and felt in the love and nurturing spirit he showed to his
15 loved ones and the warmth with which he greeted and took an
16 interest in others; he saw the good in everybody; and

17 WHEREAS, Charles Hobson was preceded by his son, Paul
18 Antony Hobson Sr.; his brother, James Jr.; and his parents;
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20 WHEREAS, Charles Hobson is survived by his companion,
21 Darlene; his children, Michelle, Charles Jr., and Billy; his
22 daughter-in-law, Kimberly (Dwayne); and his grandchildren and

1 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Charles E. Hobson Sr. and extend our sincere condolences to
5 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Charles Hobson as an expression of
9 our deepest sympathy.