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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 James Lee Adams, who passed away on September 27, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, James Adams was born on December 31, 1952 and was raised with his brothers and grew up with a passion for construction and for entertaining; and

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WHEREAS, James Adams worked in construction, finding joy in building and creating; with an unwavering commitment to excellence, he became well known in his community for his exceptional work and made a significant impact on countless projects throughout his career, underselling his services well below market value because his primary goal was to help his community; and

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WHEREAS, James Adams was a gifted gospel singer who used his soulful voice to touch hearts and uplift spirits; along with his beloved wife Karen, he traveled the globe via cruise ships and explored the wonders of the world; and

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WHEREAS, James Adams cherished his family deeply and dedicated his time to creating strong bonds with his children and grandchildren, reveling in their accomplishments and

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1 providing support in times of need; his presence at family
2 gatherings was always marked with a warm smile, a song on
3 demand, and joyful laughter; and

4 WHEREAS, James Adams leaves a legacy of love, faith, and
5 resilience; his life was a testament to the power of hard work,
6 kindness, and gratitude; he had a true passion for life and
7 provided an example of how to make a lasting impact on the
8 world through giving; he will be remembered as a devoted
9 husband, a loving father, a doting grandfather, a loyal
10 friend, a master of construction, and a passionate gospel
11 singer; and

12 WHEREAS, James Adams is survived by his wife of 27 years,
13 Karen Adams; his children, James, Julius, Jennifer, Lisa,
14 Monica, and Nicole; his grandson, Elijah; his 15
15 grandchildren, his one great-grandchild; his brother, Ralph;
16 and his nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 James Lee Adams and extend our sincere condolences to his
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of James Adams as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.