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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Paul Simmons Jr.; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Simmons Jr. was born on May 10, 1993, in  
5 Chicago; his parents were Vera Angion-Simmons and Paul Simmons  
6 Sr.; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Simmons Jr. attended Bunnyland Daycare until  
8 he graduated from kindergarten; at the age of six, he tried his  
9 hand in acting by auditioning for a production of The Lion  
10 King; he started his educational career at St. Margaret of  
11 Scotland Elementary School, where he attended from 1st to 4th  
12 grade; after attending Basil Elementary School for 5th through  
13 7th grade, he returned to St. Margaret, where he graduated in  
14 2007; he then graduated from Marist Catholic High School, where  
15 he was a captain of the varsity basketball team; he was  
16 planning to attend Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama on a  
17 full basketball scholarship at the time of his passing; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Simmons Jr. was a member of the Boy Scouts  
19 for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Simmons Jr. worked at the Chicago Park  
District Seasonal Division as a landscaper; he also worked with

1 Sports 37 throughout his school years; and

2 WHEREAS, Paul Simmons Jr. competed in the AAU National  
3 basketball league, which took him all over the United States;  
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5 WHEREAS, Paul Simmons Jr. loved to be around his family and  
6 friends, especially his favorite cousin, Edward Simmons Jr.;  
7 his greatest desire was to attend college, where he wanted to  
8 major in business finance and continue his passion of playing  
9 basketball; and

10 WHEREAS, Paul Simmons Jr. was preceded in death by his  
11 grandmothers, Dorothy Angion and Annie Simmons, and his sister,  
12 Shikinna Hall; and

13 WHEREAS, Paul Simmons Jr. is survived by his parents; his  
14 sisters, Qiana Simmons, Shouna "Doo Doo" Angion, and Dorothy  
15 Angion; his nieces, Toyette Hall and Alyssa "Suga Mama"  
16 McKinney; his nephew, Alfonso "AJ" McKinney Jr.; his  
17 great-nephew, Brian Hall; his favorite cousin, Yolanda  
18 Wortman; his girlfriend, Kayla King; and his many uncles,  
19 aunts, cousins, family, and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with

1 his family and friends, the passing of Paul Simmons Jr.; and be  
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of Paul Simmons Jr. as an expression of  
5 our sympathy.