SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Sidney Peter Ross Jr. of Peoria, who passed away on June 5, 2012; and

WHEREAS, He was born on April 10, 1944, in Peoria, to Ruth Jones and Sidney Ross Sr.; he married Martha Marie Chew on September 20, 1980; and

WHEREAS, He was a graduate of Spalding Academy; after high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served proudly from 1964 to 1968; upon receiving an honorable discharge, he eagerly transferred into a Naval Reserve Command for another 2 years of service; he later attended Illinois Central College; and

WHEREAS, He retired in 2009 after 38 years of service to Caterpillar Inc., where he had been a member of United Auto Workers Local 974; he was a member of St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church, now known as St. Joseph; he was a family man who loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; he avidly supported his wife in her community efforts and loved watching the Food Network channel and baseball; and
WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandmother who raised him, Lucille Jones; his brothers, Ural Jackson and Edward Jackson; and his sister, Dorothy Walker; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Ross Jr. leaves to cherish his most precious memories: his loving and devoted wife, Martha Ross; his daughters, Wondra Pie, Alzevette (Howard) Williams, and Sidney C. Ross; his grandchildren, Tanieka, Raymond, Tiffani, Brittanies, Howard Jr., Quilo, and Bryson; his great-grandchildren, Edmond, Eliyah, Julianna, and Evonne; his niece, Shirley K. Walker; his nephew, Benjamin Walker; and a host of other cousins, nieces, nephews, family, and friends; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Sidney Ross, Jr.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Sidney Ross Jr. as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.