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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 Derrick Booth, Jr. of Peoria, who passed away on May 24, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Derrick Booth, Jr. was born on January 6, 1992 to Mecca Taylor and Derrick Booth, Sr.; he was a 2010 graduate of Manual Academy and attended Illinois Central College and the Job Corps, receiving a certification in culinary arts; and

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WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "DJ", Derrick Booth, Jr. had a love for all things culinary which grew out of his work with his grandmother, Yvonne, at Booth Rental Catering; he worked for Steak 'n Shake, Bob Evans, and most recently with the South Side Mission; and

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WHEREAS, Derrick Booth, Jr. was a member of St. Paul Baptist Church, where he served on the audio/visual and youth ministries; and

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WHEREAS, Derrick Booth, Jr. is survived by his father and stepmother, Derrick and State Representative Jehan Booth, Sr.; his mother and step-father, Mecca and Kevin Beasley, Sr.; 2 brothers, Chancellor Booth and Jeremiah Taylor; 2 sisters, Kalia Beasley and Jianna Yvonne Booth; his grandparents, Rudy

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1 and Yvonne Booth, Edward and Geraldine Jackson, Jr., and
2 Gilbert Taylor; and other family and friends; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Derrick Booth, Jr., and extend our sincere condolences to his
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Derrick Booth, Jr. as an expression
10 of our deepest sympathy.