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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 Robert Alexander "Pretty Bob" Pendergrass of Rock Island, who passed away on September 1, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Pendergrass was born in Flint, Michigan on February 18, 1924 to Henry and Magnolia (nee Vincent) Pendergrass; he was raised in Statham, Georgia; he served in the United States Air Force during World War II and settled in Rock Island in 1952; he married Lola M. Bates in 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Pendergrass retired from Brammer's Manufacturing in Davenport, Iowa in 1986; he also worked as a bartender at several golf course country clubs in Iowa and Illinois; he worked as the manager of the Camel's Nest (Shrine's Temple); and

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WHEREAS, Robert Pendergrass married Dianna Cavitt on November 8, 1994 after the passing of his first wife; they were the owners and operators of the Last Chance Lounge in Rock Island until March 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Pendergrass was a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 20, Tri-City Consistory No. 82, and the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Noble Mystic Shrine of North and South

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1 America and Its Jurisdictions, Inc., Masqat No. 141, where he
2 served as Illustrious Potentate; and

3 WHEREAS, Robert Pendergrass was always willing to lend a
4 helping hand; he loved golfing, poker, fancy cars, and fine
5 clothes; he walked 5 miles every morning at Sunset Park; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Pendergrass was preceded in death by is
7 first wife, Lola; his parents; and his sister, Emma Long; and

8 WHEREAS, Robert Pendergrass is survived by his wife,
9 Dianna; his daughter, Sally Houston; his granddaughter, Erica
10 Houston; his nephews, Donnie (Melinda) Long, Tim (JoAnn) Long,
11 and Charles (Linda) Long; his aunt, Ollie (Bryant) Smith; his
12 great-nephews; his great-nieces; numerous cousins; and his
13 extended family, Jackson, Daniels, Stegall, Tatum, and
14 Williams; and many friends; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Robert Alexander "Pretty Bob" Pendergrass, and extend our
18 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
19 and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Robert Pendergrass as an expression

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1 of our deepest sympathy.