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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 Matthew F. Parker, Jr. of Rock Island, who passed away on August 4, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Matthew Parker, Jr. was born on December 21, 1925 in Chicago; his parents were Matthew F. Parker, Sr. and Louella Gordon Parker; he married Katherine Bowen on December 18, 1948 in Moline; and

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WHEREAS, Matthew Parker, Jr. served in the United States Navy during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, Matthew Parker, Jr. attended the University of Illinois; he worked at IH Farmall in Rock Island for 39 years and owned and operated Parker Janitorial Service with his wife for 33 years; and

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WHEREAS, Matthew Parker, Jr. was a member of New Journey African Methodist Episcopal Church in Moline; he was active with the Democratic Party and served as a precinct committeeman for 23 years and as a trustee for Rock Island Township for more than 35 years; he was a member of the Martin Luther King Center Active Club; he was very active as a Freemason, having belonged to King Solomon Lodge No. 20 F & A.M. P.H.A., Tri-Cities

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1 Consistory No. 82, Masqat Temple No. 141 Imperial Council
2 A.E.A.O.N.M.S., United Supreme Council of Scottish Rite of
3 Freemasonry-33rd Degree, Commander of the Rite, Desert Rat
4 Degree Team, Downstate Brotherhood Club of Illinois, Past
5 Master Council No. 10 of Second District, president of Past
6 Master Council, Past Patron of Adah Chapter No. 10 Order of the
7 Eastern Star, Starlight Club, and District Deputy Grand Patron
8 O.E.S.; and

9 WHEREAS, Matthew Parker, Jr. was preceded in death by his
10 wife, Katherine; and

11 WHEREAS, Matthew Parker, Jr. is survived by his children,
12 Cynthia (Craig) Parker-McGee, Michael Parker, and Rosemary
13 (Donnie) Childs; his grandchildren, Robert Parker, Brittany
14 Parker, and Xavier Parker; his great-grandchildren, Julian and
15 Jada Parker, Emmanuel Bomar, Cienna Pettit, X'zayvianah
16 Parker, and Jamaine Jones; his special friend, Thresa Johnson;
17 his special niece, Allison Martin; and several nieces and
18 nephews; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
21 family and friends, mourn the passing of Matthew F. Parker,
22 Jr.; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Matthew Parker, Jr. as an expression
3 of our sympathy.