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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 Richard Edward Williams Sr.; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Williams Sr. was born in Chicago to Arthur
L. Williams and Nellie R. Atkins on July 3, 1926; he grew up on
the Westside of Chicago and attended Grant and Tennyson
elementary schools and Crane High School; he served in the
United States Navy during World War II from 1943 to 1945; he
was baptized in the Pacific Ocean in Hawaii in 1944; he
returned to Chicago after the war and married Louise Ford; he
later married Dolores Sellers in 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Williams Sr. worked for various
companies, including the Ford Motor Co., Western Electric, and
the Hines Veterans Administration Hospital; he had a career of
over 30 years as a welder at International Harvester (IH); he
served as a United Auto Workers (UAW) union steward, shop
committeeman, regional representative and was very active with
the UAW Political Action Committee while at IH; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Williams Sr. co-owned a barbershop and was
a independent plumbing and heating contractor on the Westside;
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1 WHEREAS, Richard Williams Sr. enjoyed tinkering and fixing
2 things, reading, collecting various objects, and spending time
3 with this family; he was affectionately known as "Papa
4 Richard"; and

5 WHEREAS, Richard Williams Sr. is survived by his wife of 66
6 years, Dolores; his daughter, Sheila Dorns; his sons, Tyrone
7 (Janice) Williams, Rev. Richard Williams Jr. (Cassopolis
8 Michigan), Kevin (Victoria) Williams, Keith (Pamela) Williams,
9 and Vincent (Suzanne) Williams; 21 grandchildren; 17
10 great-grandchildren; and countless nieces and nephews and
11 friends; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Richard Edward Williams Sr., and extend our sincere condolences
15 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Richard Williams Sr. as an
19 expression of our deepest sympathy.