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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 Steele of North Lawndale, who passed away on June 19, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Steele was the son of former Cook County Commissioner and Board President Bobbie Steele; he graduated from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Steele was commissioner of Cook County's 2nd District and worked on committees such as construction, contract compliance, human relations, and rules and administration; he was appointed to take the seat of his mother Bobbie Steele after her retirement in 2006; he went on to win the election in 2010 and the re-election in 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Steele was previously a Chicago Park district administrator and was heavily involved in community-based efforts in his native west side; he was president pro tempore of the county board, a forest preserve district board member, and chairman of the environmental control and contract compliance committees; he also served on the boards of Mount Sinai Hospital and the Gift of Hope; he was a trustee of Frazier Preparatory Academy and president of the National Association of Black County Officials from 2008 to

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1 2010; and

2 WHEREAS, Robert Steele was a lifelong Chicagoan and cared
3 deeply about the North Lawndale community; he was a tireless
4 advocate for organ donation after receiving a kidney transplant
5 from his sister; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Steele was affectionately called the Man of
7 Steele and had the biggest heart for people; he loved working
8 in the trenches alongside community organizations, churches,
9 schools, at-risk youth, and senior citizens; he developed great
10 alliances with these groups by working to bring empowerment
11 zones to the City of Chicago and most recently had been focused
12 on addressing safety and restorative justice in his service
13 areas; he was a devoted public servant and will be deeply
14 missed by the communities he served, his family, and his
15 children; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Robert Steele, and extend our sincere condolences to his
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

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

1 our deepest sympathy.