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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 Wilson Frost of Chicago, who passed away on May 5, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Wilson Frost was born in Cairo on December 27, 1925; he earned his bachelor's degree from Fisk University in 1950; he then attended Chicago-Kent College of Law and earned his Juris Doctor in 1958; he later studied at DePaul University's Lawyer's Institute; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from Fisk, Wilson Frost was hired by the Postal Transportation Service as a clerk, where he remained until 1952; he then left to work as a statistician at Provident Hospital; after earning his law degree, he joined the firm of Frost, Sherard, Howse & Coleman, where he continued on as a partner until 1973; that year, he left to form Meyer & Frost, which later became Frost & Greenblatt; he remained there until his retirement in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Wilson Frost became active in Chicago politics in 1967 when he was elected alderman of the 21st Ward; in 1971, he was elected alderman of the 34th Ward, and in 1976, he was serving as the president pro tem of the City Council when longtime mayor Richard J. Daley passed away; he pointed out

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1 that under existing law, he was to become the new mayor; the
2 other aldermen disagreed, and after the course of several
3 meetings, he was kept out of the mayor's seat and instead named
4 chairman of the Finance Committee of the City Council;
5 following that incident, he continued to serve the city and
6 retired as the commissioner of the Cook County Board of Tax
7 Appeals in 1998; and

8 WHEREAS, During his many years of public service, Wilson
9 Frost was honored by many organizations, including the Original
10 Forty Club, which awarded him the Man of the Year Award in 1974
11 and the Illinois House of Representatives, which upon his
12 retirement, issued a resolution praising his work; he also
13 actively served several organizations, including the John
14 Marshall School of Law, Mercy Hospital Medical Center, and the
15 City Club of Chicago, where he was vice president; and

16 WHEREAS, Wilson Frost and his wife had four children;
17 therefore, be it

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

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Wilson Frost as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.