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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 Ernie A. Smith, who passed away on February 4, 2019 at the age of 48; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Smith was born on January 29, 1970; he was known as "the most dapper kid on the block" during his childhood; although he was well-dressed, the most charming and impressive part of his style was his smile that was freely and easily given to everyone around him; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Smith attended Deck Preschool and Kindergarten, Longfellow Grade School, and Hawthorne Junior High School; he graduated from Oak Park and River Forest High School in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Smith joined the United States Navy in San Diego, where he made lifelong connections and friends who became like brothers; he learned valuable lessons that benefited him later in life when he worked as a catastrophic claims adjuster and faced challenges during the aftermath of events like Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy; and

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WHEREAS, Ernie Smith had a heart for learning; he attended classes at Temple University to expand his knowledge and

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1 skills; he was a natural comedian who kept friends, colleagues,
2 and families laughing and smiling; and

3 WHEREAS, Ernie Smith was preceded in death by his sister,
4 RaSheda; his grandparents; and his uncles; and

5 WHEREAS, Ernie Smith is survived by his mother, Joycie; his
6 father, Wendell Smith; his younger sisters, Joycie, Tabitha,
7 and Iris; his brother, Wendell; his nephew, Erik "Tusk"; and
8 many cousins; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Ernie A. Smith and extend our sincere condolences to his
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Ernie Smith as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.