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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Eddie Joseph Godwin; and

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WHEREAS, Eddie Godwin was born to Edward and Edra Godwin  
5 on September 5, 1943; he had the gift of working with his hands  
6 and studied bricklaying at Dunbar High School; he married  
7 Valerie Tucker; and

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WHEREAS, Eddie Godwin became a union mason and earned a  
9 reputation as one of the best in the City of Chicago; he worked  
10 with Lloyd Moore of Moore Construction Company and later  
11 served the Chicago Park District; he ultimately retired from  
12 the City of Chicago Department of Transportation after years  
13 of dedicated service; and

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WHEREAS, Eddie Godwin was affectionately know as  
15 "Bedrock", a nickname he earned from his favorite pastime,  
16 watching TV; he was passionate and highly opinionated,  
17 especially about the topics that mattered most to him,  
18 politics, history, and sports; his bricklaying career was part  
19 of his calling and, as a young man, he built his parents'  
20 garage; later in his life, he built the garage at the building  
21 where he lived; and

1           WHEREAS, Eddie Godwin loved his family and was deeply  
2 involved in their lives; he took pride in being present,  
3 supporting their goals, showing up for what mattered, and  
4 making sure his loved ones knew they could count on him; and

5           WHEREAS, Eddie Godwin was preceded in death by his  
6 siblings, Edward Jr., John, and Lorraine, and his grandson,  
7 Clarence; and

8           WHEREAS, Eddie Godwin is survived by his wife, Valerie  
9 Godwin; his daughters, Alderman Michelle (John) Harris, Zina  
10 Marshall, Corthenia Davis, Yolanda Tucker, Shonda (Kevin)  
11 Tucker, and Ashley Tillman; his grandchildren, Loren, Marshon,  
12 John, DeVoe, Frederick, Alexis, Tyler, Cornelius Jr., Yaseen,  
13 and Skylar; his nieces, Yolanda and Mia; his nephew, John  
14 Godwin Jr.; and numerous cousins and extended family members;  
15 therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Eddie Joseph Godwin 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 Eddie Godwin as a symbol of our

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1 deepest sympathy.