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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 Butler McGee Jr. of Chicago, who passed away on March 2, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Butler McGee, the son of Butler and Annie (Cozark) McGee Sr., was born in Hayti, Missouri on February 20, 1937; he married Odessa Kirkendall; and

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WHEREAS, After moving to Chicago in 1955, Butler McGee worked as a taxi driver for nearly 25 years and later became an entrepreneur; and

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WHEREAS, Butler McGee loved spending time with his family, visiting the racetrack and casinos, and playing card games, and he enjoyed watching basketball games and westerns on television; he maintained a neat and well-groomed appearance throughout his life, receiving help from his grandson when his health began to change; and

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WHEREAS, Butler McGee had a loving nature and was unafraid to defend what he valued; his strength, resilience, and integrity were an inspiration to those who loved him; and

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WHEREAS, Butler McGee was preceded in death by his

1 parents; his siblings, Bertha, Clara, Elijah Sr., General,
2 Leonard, Nathaniel, and Roosevelt; his daughter, Paulette; and
3 his son-in-law, Matthew Jr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Butler McGee is survived by his daughters, Lillie
5 and Sharry; his son, Reginald (Beverly); his bonus daughter,
6 Arvetta (Greg); eight grandsons; five granddaughters; 22
7 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; three close
8 friends, Rose, Lonnie, and Linda; and a host of nieces,
9 nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

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

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Butler McGee as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.