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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 Deacon Henry Curtis Travis, who passed away on November 22, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Travis was born to Curtis and Rose (Myers) Travis in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on January 6, 1929; he was the second oldest of ten children and was raised in the Sheeplo and Indian Springs communities in Mississippi; he served as a corporal in the United States Army from January of 1951 to January of 1957; he was deployed on active duty during the Korean War, where he fought valiantly and was awarded a Purple Heart; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Travis retired from the Caterpillar Tractor Company after 28 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Travis served on the Executive Board of IAM 851, the Dellwood Foundation, and Will County Board District #8; he also served as Precinct #24 Committeeman; he served 37 years on the Fairmont School Board, with 22 of those years as school board president, and in appreciation of his service, the current gymnasium of Fairmont Elementary School was named in his honor; and

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1 WHEREAS, Henry Travis was preceded in death by his wife of
2 62 years, Esther Lee Travis; his parents; his four brothers,
3 Paul Travis, Odis Travis, Clark D. Travis, and William E.
4 Travis; and his three sisters, Mary Carter, Loraine Edwards,
5 and Betty Hall; and

6 WHEREAS, Henry Travis is survived by his three beloved
7 children, Brad L. Travis, Marvin C. (Henrietta) Travis, and
8 Kawonna L. Travis; his seven grandchildren, Brad C. Travis,
9 Shawn Travis, Brian Travis, Brandon Travis, Stacia (James)
10 Tate, Dorey (Maurice) Fields, and Karrington Dougherty; his 14
11 great-grandchildren, Jalen, Dejah, Jayda, Jordan, Isaiah,
12 Makayla, Bryan Lee, Alana, Stellina, Bryan Jeremiah, Devin,
13 Aiden Travis, Mia Reid, Micah Fields, and Olivia Tate; his two
14 great-great-grandchildren, Bryson and Elijah; his two
15 brothers, Charles (Della) Travis and Joe L. (Joyce) Travis; his
16 two special nephews, John F. Travis and Keith A. (Jeannie)
17 Hall; his goddaughters, Birdie Wright and Sarah McLaurin; and a
18 host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins and friends;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Deacon Henry Curtis Travis and extend our sincere condolences
23 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
24 it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Henry Travis as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.