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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 Lewis "Pee Wee" Calloway, who passed away on May 14, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Pee Wee Calloway was born to Tom Calloway and Hattie B. Coleman in Macon, Mississippi on September 21, 1945; he committed to his faith at an early age and was baptized at Oakleaf Missionary Baptist Church in Mississippi; he was raised on the family's farm in Macon and moved to Alliance, Ohio at the age of 15 to live with his father; he excelled on the track and field team and learned numerous skills from his father, becoming a master craftsman; after completing his education, he moved to East Saint Louis to be near his mother, who was an exceptional cook; and

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WHEREAS, Pee Wee Calloway worked several different private sector jobs and eventually became interested in becoming his own boss; after having conversations with his mother about his desires to open a business and with her approval and support, Pee Wee's BBQ was founded in the 70s; within a few years, he worked diligently to open a second and third establishment in East Saint Louis; he provided employment opportunities to his younger siblings and community teenagers all while training his own sons in the art of BBQ; he relocated to Springfield in

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1 the mid 80s and opened a restaurant; after his aunt and uncle  
2 retired, he had the opportunity to move to a better location at  
3 which time Boyd's New Generation featuring Pee Wee's BBQ was  
4 established and continues to operate to this day; and

5 WHEREAS, Pee Wee Calloway was a member of Friendship Full  
6 Gospel Church in Springfield; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Pee Wee Calloway displayed a  
8 charismatic approach to communication with everyone from  
9 children to adults; he had respect for everyone; he was a  
10 father figure, friend, and mentor to many and would help  
11 anyone if he could; and

12 WHEREAS, Pee Wee Calloway was preceded in death by his  
13 father; his mother; and his three brothers, James Calloway,  
14 Dwight Coleman, and Alvin Coleman; and

15 WHEREAS, Pee Wee Calloway is survived by his wife, Tammy  
16 Calloway; his four sons, Lewis (Antoinette) Calloway Jr.,  
17 Devon Calloway, Shawn Calloway, and Stephen Johnson; his three  
18 daughters, Michelle (Kevin) Webb, Myieca Calloway, and Chazla  
19 Johnson; his four bonus children, Lachae Brown, Tyrika James,  
20 Tina McClain, and Brianna Bell; his three sisters, Joyce  
21 Lockett, Jacqueline Jones, and Sheena Davenport; his  
22 twenty-seven grandchildren; his ten great-grandchildren; his

1 nieces and nephews; his cousins; and his close friends;  
2 therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
5 Lewis "Pee Wee" Calloway and extend our sincere condolences to  
6 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
7 further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Pee Wee Calloway as an expression of  
10 our deepest sympathy.