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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened 3 to learn of the death of Marvin Neely of Rock Island, who 4 passed away on August 22, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Marvin Neely was born to Clay and Ina (Holton) 6 Neely in DeKalb, Mississippi on September 5, 1931; he joined 7 Center Ridge Baptist Church at an early age and graduated from 8 Whisenton High School; he honorably served in the U.S. Marine 9 Corps during the Korean War; he married Louise Watkins on July 10 23, 1955; and

11 WHEREAS, Marvin Neely worked at the Rock Island Arsenal 12 for 38 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Marvin Neely enjoyed many years of league bowling 14 at Town & Country; he was a member of Second Baptist Church in 15 Rock Island where he served as an usher; he was also a longtime 16 member of the Elks and Lions Clubs; and

17 WHEREAS, Throughout his retirement years, Marvin Neely 18 enjoyed playing golf, watching his stories such as The Young 19 and the Restless, and cheering on his favorite sports teams, 20 especially the Chicago Cubs and Bears; he loved to laugh, 21 joke, tell stories, and celebrate his family's SR0481 -2- LRB102 19923 ECR 28701 r accomplishments; and

2 WHEREAS, Marvin Neely was preceded in death by his parents 3 and his siblings, Ella, Mary, Henry Clay, James, Benjamin, and 4 Charlie; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Neely is survived by his wife, Louise; his 5 6 children, Willie (Cyntra) Neely, Marvin (Judy) Neely, Lynette 7 (Donnie) Neely-McDuffy, Lanolia Neely, and James (Bridget) 8 Neely; his grandchildren, Tonia (Teonta) Williams-Neely, Tosha 9 (Ishmael) Neely-Obleton, Monica Sanders, Shaylan McDuffy, 10 Julia Garrison, and Tonette, Marvin (Jasmine), Christopher, Jeremy, James, Malcolm, Julian, and Jaden Neely; his 13 11 12 great-grandchildren; his siblings, Jimmie, Lanolia, and Edward; and his loving pet, Bo; therefore, be it 13

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Marvin Neely and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 19 presented to the family of Marvin Neely as an expression of our 20 deepest sympathy.