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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 Jesse Lee Fleming of Chicago, who passed away on August 27, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Lee Fleming was born to W.T. and Beatrice Fleming in Chicago on March 11, 1947; he committed to his faith as a young adult and was baptized at St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church; he graduated from Zenos Colman Elementary School in 1963 and Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable High School in 1967, where he played trumpet, piano, and guitar, performed in the orchestra and booster band, and participated in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and the Senior Club; he attended Wilson Junior College, known today as Kennedy-King Community College; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Lee Fleming was an accomplished musician; he played for the Midwest Philharmonic Orchestra for several years and for numerous bands, leading him to travel across the Midwest and the South; he toured with the Grand Express Band and traveled the entire country; he was a resident musician in Las Vegas for many years, and he also worked as a movie extra in Hollywood, California; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Lee Fleming returned to Chicago after

1 touring in 1982; he gave private music lessons on the guitar
2 and trumpet for a while, which he ended due to his students'
3 lack of seriousness; he worked for the U.S. Postal Service
4 from 1991 until his retirement in 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Jesse Lee Fleming preferred staying home and
6 living a quiet life in retirement; he enjoyed watching Chicago
7 Cubs games and old western television shows, including
8 Gunsmoke, Bonanza, and Have Gun - Will Travel; he especially
9 enjoyed the western movies The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance
10 and Winchester '73; he loved being on social media and posting
11 on Facebook; he also loved listening to music of all genres,
12 including rhythm & blues, gospel, soul, pop, jazz, and
13 classical; and

14 WHEREAS, Jesse Lee Fleming was a skilled chess player, a
15 devoted Chicago Cubs fan, and an avid reader; he will be
16 remembered for being an intelligent and outgoing person; and

17 WHEREAS, Jesse Lee Fleming was preceded in death by his
18 parents and his sister, Cansady Fleming; and

19 WHEREAS, Jesse Lee Fleming is survived by his sisters,
20 Beatrice A. Haney, Mary L. Fleming, and Amy L. Fleming; his
21 brother, Terry L. Fleming; his aunt, Mattie Allen; his niece,
22 Mia K. Fleming; his nephews, Derrick K. Fleming Sr., TiJuan L.

1 Fleming, Brian K. Fleming Sr., and Maurice L. (Michaela)
2 Fleming; his great-nephews, Derrick K. Fleming Jr., Brian
3 Fleming Jr., and Cameron Fleming; his great-grandnephews,
4 Kah'Rion and Derrick III; his lifelong friends, Harold Warner
5 and James Rankins; and a host of cousins and friends;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Jesse Lee Fleming and extend our sincere condolences to his
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Jesse Lee Fleming as an expression
14 of our deepest sympathy.