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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 Howard R. Veal Sr., who passed away on June 12, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Veal, the son of Melvina Tripp, was born in Pocahontas, Mississippi on October 24, 1942; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Veal owned H & J Lawn Service, a business started in partnership with his youngest son, Jason; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Veal was dedicated to serving his community; he led the Springfield Urban League for decades, served on the Illinois Human Rights Commission for several years, and belonged to multiple organizations, including The Frontiers and Rotary International; he was also an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Veal was a long-standing member of Springfield's oldest Black church, Zion Missionary Baptist Church, attending and serving in some capacity since 1972; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Veal will be remembered for exemplifying servant leadership within his local community and beyond, serving as a standard bearer for equality, justice, equity,

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1 freedom, and human rights; and

2 WHEREAS, Howard Veal was preceded in death by his mother;
3 his brother, Clifton Veal; and his sisters, Brenda Tripp,
4 Vickie Tripp, and Daisy Hayes; and

5 WHEREAS, Howard Veal is survived by his wife of 52 years,
6 Elizabeth; his sons, Jason (Natoshia) Veal and Howard (Shelli)
7 Veal Jr.; his grandchildren, Kaitlin Veal, Parish Florence,
8 Kylee Veal, Myles Veal, Maya Veal, Twaii Johnson, Cornelius
9 Frazier, Nehemiah Dawson, Jeremiah Dawson, Kamella Veal, and
10 Kenya Veal; four great-grandchildren; his siblings, Debra
11 Tripp, Linda Tripp, Sandra Tripp, and Bernard Tripp; and many
12 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Howard R. Veal Sr. and extend our sincere condolences to his
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
17 further

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