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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 Willie James Bowdry Jr., who passed away on September 26, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Bowdry was born to Mary Lucille Starks Bowdry and Willie James Bowdry Sr. in Steele, Missouri on December 5, 1950; he graduated from Rock Island High School; he served in the U.S. Marine Corps; he married Virginia "Ginny" Tolefree on April 26, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Bowdry worked for John Deere for over 35 years, retiring in 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Bowdry will be remembered for his legacy of love, strength, and dedication; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Bowdry was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, Willie "Pete" Tucker, Larry R. Bowdry, Katie M. McBride, and Catherine Moore; his mother-in-law, Gratha Tolefree; and his other in-laws; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Bowdry is survived by his wife, Virginia Tolefree Bowdry; his brother, Gerald (Shelia) Bowdry; his children, Marlon Gardner, Davian Giles, Lasondra Carter, and

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1 Tamikka Elliott; seven grandchildren; his sisters-in-law,
2 Alice (Cornelius) Emory, Elizabeth (Johnny) Price, and
3 Katherine Tolefree; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins,
4 and friends; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Willie James Bowdry Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to
8 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Willie Bowdry as an expression of
12 our deepest sympathy.