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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 Gilbert Sidney "G.P." Perry, who passed away on November 9, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Gilbert Perry was born to Jim Blaine Perry and Ella Booker Perry in Lee County, Arkansas on June 9, 1922; at the age of 18, after the passing of his mother, he moved to East St. Louis; he served in the U.S. Army and was a member of several Black Regiments sent to Germany, in rotation to complete the Ledo Road on the India-Burma Border to China; after returning to East St. Louis, he married Hattie Powell, and they adopted one son, James "Jimmy" Perry; and

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WHEREAS, Gilbert Perry worked for the Swift Meat Packing Company; and

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WHEREAS, Gilbert Perry loved traveling abroad and across the United States, visiting relatives and friends everywhere he went; he cherished his family and always kept in touch through phone calls or visits; he ensured that a family reunion was held every two years, and he attended each one; and

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WHEREAS, Gilbert Perry was preceded in death by his wife; his companion, Marcella Donald; and his son, James "Jimmy"

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1 Perry; and

2 WHEREAS, Gilbert Perry is survived by many nieces,
3 nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Gilbert Sidney "G.P." Perry and extend our sincere condolences
7 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Gilbert Perry as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.