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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois are saddened at the tragic deaths of 21 young adults and the injury of 50 more people as a result of a stampede in a crowded nightclub in the early morning of February 17, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Those who died in the panic ranged in age from 19 to 43 years of age and their passing will forever alter the lives of their families, friends, and loved ones; and

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WHEREAS, The 21 who died are: Nita Anthony; Robert Brown; Demetrica Carwell; Bianca Ferguson; Kevin Gayden; Debra Gill; Danielle Greene; Chanta Jackson; Teresa Johnson-Gordon; David Jones; Charles Lard; LaTorya McGraw; Antonio Myers; Nicole Patterson; Nicole Rainey; DaShand Ray; Damien Riley; Charita Rhodes; Maurice Robinson; Eazay Rogers; and Michael Wilson; and

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WHEREAS, Hopefully this tragedy can lead to a discussion about reducing violence in the African-American community to make sure such a devastating tragedy never occurs again; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the loss of life resulting from this tragic event and extend our sincere condolences to the families of those who died on February 17, 2003; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this preamble and resolution be presented to the families of those who died as an expression of our sorrow for their loss.

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