

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of  
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Ralph Andrew  
4 Tolbert II; and

5 WHEREAS, Ralph Tolbert was born on July 18, 1984 to Ralph  
6 and Julie Tolbert; he was their second child; and

7 WHEREAS, He attended elementary school in District 144;  
8 he attended Hillcrest, Palatine, and graduated from Rich  
9 Central High School; he attended Prairie State College and  
10 was planning to transfer to Northern Illinois University; and

11 WHEREAS, He grew up in the church and accepted Christ in  
12 his early teens at Pure in Heart Missionary Baptist Church  
13 under the leadership of Oscar C. Thomas; he later joined St.  
14 Mark with his family; and

15 WHEREAS, He was known as "Ralphie Boy" to his friends and  
16 enjoyed wrestling, video games, bowling, basketball,  
17 football, rapping, and footworking with his brothers; he  
18 enjoyed fixing cars, working on houses, and had several jobs  
19 and cars; he loved spending time with his family and would do  
20 anything for his family; and

21 WHEREAS, His passing will be deeply felt by many,  
22 especially his parents, Reverend Ralph A. Tolbert and Julie  
23 C. Tolbert; his favorite sister, Tiffany Tolbert-Brock  
24 (Lamont); his two nieces, Zaria and Kaniya Brock; his six  
25 brothers, Chad Tolbert, Jonathan Tolbert, Daniel Tolbert,  
26 Julian Tolbert, and James and Jermaine Simmons; his  
27 grandparents, James and Esther Simmons; his grandmother,  
28 Shirley Richardson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins,  
29 relatives, and friends; and

30 WHEREAS, Ralph was preceded in death by an older brother,  
31 Taijuan; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of  
3 Ralph Andrew Tolbert II along with all who knew and loved him  
4 and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends;  
5 and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Ralph Andrew Tolbert II as an  
8 expression of our deepest sympathy.