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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Manzili Jerome Davis on April 18, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on July 2, 1984, in Gary, Indiana, to Roella Christine Henderson Davis and Jerome Matthew Davis; he was the adored younger brother of his sisters, Malaika Henderson and Johari Davis; and

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WHEREAS, He was educated at St. Bride's Elementary School and Mt. Carmel High School, where he was salutatorian of his graduating class, and a member of the scholastic bowl, debate, math competition, and cross country teams; he was also a member of the Forensic Society and the National Honor Society, which he served as president for one year; and

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WHEREAS, During his time at Mt. Carmel High School, he was involved with the Link Unlimited organization, which provided support systems for African American students in urban areas of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, He went on to study at Princeton University in the Department of Politics and planned on becoming a lawyer; at Princeton, he was involved in the Whig-Clisophic Society and was a founding member of the Pre-Law Society, which he served as president his sophomore year; he was also a peer academic advisor; and

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WHEREAS, He was a quiet person who captured the hearts of those whose lives he touched; he had a sudden wit and an acute intellect; he loved music, intelligent books, and movies that were finely crafted, including foreign and independent films that challenged his independent mind; and

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1           WHEREAS, The passing of Manzili Jerome Davis has been  
2 deeply felt by many, especially his mother and father; his  
3 uncles, Jack and Merlin (Darlene) Henderson; his sisters; and  
4 his nieces, nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Manzili Jerome Davis, and we 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 his family as an expression of our deepest  
12 sympathy.