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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 Henry Lee Wilson, Sr. of Sparta, who passed away on December 1, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Lee Wilson, Sr. was born on December 12, 1923 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; his parents were the late Walter and Annette Wilson; he married Geanette Newbern on April 13, 1953 in East St. Louis; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Lee Wilson, Sr. dedicated his life to Christ under the pastorate of the late Elder Everett Summers in St. Louis, Missouri; he was raised in East St. Louis, where he attended public schools; he was a graduate of a vocational program and was the recipient of a certificate in small engine repairs; and

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WHEREAS, In July of 1969, Henry Lee Wilson, Sr. moved his family to Sparta, where he took a position at Spartan Printing; after moving to Sparta, he became a member of the Church of God in Christ, Jesus All Nations under the pastorate of Bishop Joseph Edmonson, Sr., where he remained until his passing; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Lee Wilson, Sr. had an extraordinary work ethic, as evidenced by his numerous job positions, such as

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1 business proprietor in East St. Louis and positions with the  
2 Illinois Department of Transportation and Keely Construction;  
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4 WHEREAS, Henry Lee Wilson, Sr. was preceded in death by his  
5 parents; his sisters, Mattie James, Dorothy Brown, and Emma  
6 Boyd; his grandsons, Allen Steele, Jr. and Nicholas Ward; his  
7 nieces, Linda Jordan, Doloris Harrell, and Carolyn Harris; and  
8 his nephews, Milton Brice, Thomas Chatman, and Kenneth Brewer;  
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10 WHEREAS, Henry Lee Wilson, Sr. is survived by his loving  
11 wife of 55 years, Geanette; his sons, Marcus Lee Wilson, Sr.,  
12 Henry Lee (Dara) Wilson, Jr., Juanez Deon (Danyel) Wilson, Sr.,  
13 Corey LaRez Wilson, Jaime Ramero Wilson, and Keevin Arnez  
14 Wilson; his daughters, Terrace Lynette (Glenn) Jalivay, Layla  
15 Thelen, Keena Rene (Gregory) Small, Marci Anita (Timothy)  
16 Sheppard, Jevonda Rolane Ward, Bevey Alicia (Lorenzo) Louden,  
17 Carmen Arnina (James) Wilson-Davis, and Angela Revett Wilson;  
18 his 49 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; his sisters,  
19 Ethel Brewer, Helen Harris, and Annette Moore Branson; and his  
20 many relatives and friends; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
23 his family and friends, the passing of Henry Lee Wilson, Sr.;

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2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Henry Lee Wilson, Sr. as an  
4 expression of our sympathy.