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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 Russell Hudlin of East St. Louis, who passed away on June 21, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Hudlin was born on November 17, 1928 in Hot Springs, Arkansas; he was an alumnus of Lincoln High School of East St. Louis and the St. Louis College of Pharmacy; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Hudlin served his country with pride and distinction as a lieutenant in the United States Army during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Hudlin was employed as a pharmacist; he was also a long-time businessman, owning and operating retail stores in both East St. Louis and Centreville for 50-plus years before his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Hudlin was an active member of his community; he was an active participant on numerous not-for-profit boards, including St. Mary's Hospital and the Jefferson National Park Expansion boards; he was also a past president of both the East St. Louis Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club of East St. Louis; he was a steadfast defender of his city and always looked for ways to positively impact the

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1 quality of life in his community; and

2 WHEREAS, Russell Hudlin was an avid hockey fan and a
3 long-time St. Louis Blues season ticket holder; he was also an
4 experienced stone mason, a craft he learned from his father and
5 passed onto his sons; he also enjoyed building structures of
6 stone and marble, spending time with his family, and traveling;
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8 WHEREAS, Russell Hudlin was preceded in death by his
9 father, Edward Warrington Hudlin; his mother, Myrtle Hudlin;
10 his sister, Lucille McClelland, Ph.D.; and his brothers,
11 Warrington Hudlin and Lt. Col. Irving C. Hudlin, Ph.D.; and

12 WHEREAS, Russell Hudlin is survived by his wife, Jeto
13 Hudlin; his children, Russell C. Hudlin Jr., Gerald D. (Ella)
14 Hudlin, and Katheryn M. Shoubaki; his grandchildren, Darrell
15 Conner, Shaadi Shoubaki, and Audrey Hudlin, his
16 great-grandchild, Cierra Mitchell; and his brothers, Edward
17 (Helen) Hudlin, Ph.D. and Richard Hudlin; his brother-in-law,
18 Harbans Manhas; his sister-in-law, Jaswant (Surbjeet) Gandhi;
19 and his many other family members and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
22 his family and friends, the passing of Russell Hudlin; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Russell Hudlin as an expression of
4 our sympathy.