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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois State Senate are  
3 saddened to learn of the death of James Stanford; and

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WHEREAS, James Stanford was born on October 13, 1925 in  
5 Shaw, Mississippi; he received his education from Shaw Public  
6 Schools in Mississippi; and

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WHEREAS, James Stanford accepted Jesus Christ as his  
8 personal Lord and Savior in 1957; he later became a member of  
9 Ambassadors For Christ Church under the leadership of his son,  
10 Apostle Joseph L. Stanford; and

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WHEREAS, James Stanford was a decorated soldier in the  
12 United States Armed Forces and served during World War II; he  
13 received 6 military honors and bars for his meritorious  
14 service; and

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WHEREAS, James Stanford was committed to serving humanity,  
16 sacrificing his time and finances to help the downtrodden and  
17 those in need; he was affiliated with several community  
18 organizations, including Target Area Development, Family Cares  
19 Mission, and Safe Cities in Chicago and Cape Town, South  
20 Africa; and

1           WHEREAS, James Stanford was preceded in death by his  
2 parents, James and Guffie Stanford; his wife, Luversa Young;  
3 his sons, Douglas Carter, James Stanford, Jr., and Jimmy  
4 Stanford; his daughter, Charlie Mae Hunt; and his sisters,  
5 Maggie Hooker, Martha Bryant, and Arlena Van Buren; and

6           WHEREAS, James Stanford is survived by his sons, Ozzie  
7 Stanford, Joseph (Debra) Stanford, Larry Stanford, and James  
8 Stanford; his daughters, Martha Coakley, Theresa Mitchell, and  
9 Sarah Persely; his sisters, Rosie Lee Mungon, Ozzie Holt, and  
10 Elvie Holt; his 32 grandchildren; his 73 great-grandchildren;  
11 his 24 great-great-grandchildren; and his many other relatives  
12 and friends; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
15 family and friends, mourn the passing of James Stanford; and be  
16 it further

17           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of James Stanford as an expression of  
19 our sympathy.