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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 Bob McQuirter of Peoria, who passed away on June 7, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Bob McQuirter was born in Clinton, Mississippi to the Reverend Wroten, Sr. and Annie Mae (nee Murriel) McQuirter; he married Shirley Davis on July 5, 1968; and

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WHEREAS, Bob McQuirter spent 3 years serving in the United States Army as a paratrooper starting in January of 1964, and then spent 3 years on inactive reserve duty; after basic training and military correspondence school, he was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas, for approximately 6 months; after 8 weeks of parachute training at Fort Benning, Georgia, his next assignment took him to the infamous "All American" Airborne Paratrooper unit, the 82nd Airborne Division, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; after 30 days at his new unit, he experienced his first introduction to military combat in the Dominican Republic; he was later awarded the National Defense Service Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge for service from April to July of 1965; following his service in the Dominican Republic, he was assigned to the infamous "Screaming Eagles", the 101st Airborne Brigade, in the Republic of South Vietnam; he served 12 months in the Republic of South

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1 Vietnam and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Armed
2 Forces Expeditionary Medal, and his second Combat Infantryman
3 Badge; and

4 WHEREAS, Following his military service, Bob McQuirter
5 attended Jackson State University, where he received his
6 Bachelor of Arts in Business; in June of 1970, he started
7 working at Caterpillar Inc.'s worldwide headquarters in
8 Peoria; while at Caterpillar, he charted and graphed economic
9 data for 9 Latin and Central American countries, and at one
10 point, during the Asian downturn, he tracked and reported
11 currency changes for 42 global countries; he spent the last 11
12 years of his career in Human Resources; in February of 2009, he
13 retired from Caterpillar after 38 1/2 years of full-time
14 service; and

15 WHEREAS, Bob McQuirter made significant contributions to
16 the Peoria community as adviser to the Black Achievers (young
17 African American teenagers) at the YMCA; he was founder and
18 served as past-president of the Heart of Peoria Neighborhood
19 Association and he was past-chairman of the Peoria Housing and
20 Property Maintenance Commission, the Neighborhood Development
21 Commission, and the Peoria Police Community Relations Advisory
22 Group; he was a Children's Home Association board member, had
23 recently served on the Board of Commissioners at the Peoria
24 Housing Authority, and was a member of CAAR (Concerned African

1 American Retirees); in January of 2007, he and his wife,
2 Shirley, were co-recipients of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
3 "Drum Major" award; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob McQuirter was preceded in death by his father,
5 Wroten McQuirter Sr.; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob McQuirter is survived by his wife, Shirley; 2
7 sons, Brian McQuirter and Vincent (Tanesha) McQuirter; one
8 daughter, Erin McQuirter; his mother, Annie Mae McQuirter; 7
9 brothers, James (Sue) McQuirter Sr., Wroten McQuirter Jr.,
10 Joseph (Dorothy) McQuirter, Paul (Louise) McQuirter, Gerald
11 McQuirter, Dewight McQuirter, and Darel McQuirter; one sister,
12 Limmie (Henry) Flowers; 4 grandchildren, Diamante', DaVion,
13 DeAris, and NaShyla; and a host of nieces, nephews, other
14 relatives, and friends; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Bob McQuirter, and extend our sincere condolences to his
18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Bob McQuirter as an expression of
22 our deepest sympathy.