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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 John Edward "Flukie" Cowan; and

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WHEREAS, John Cowan was born to Reverend William and Susie Lee (McCall) Cowan on September 27, 1945 and baptized at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church; he graduated from Lincoln Senior High School in 1963 and earned his bachelors degree in economics at Sangamon State University in Illinois and pursued his master's degree; he married Karen Michele Sistrunk on May 27, 1987; and

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WHEREAS, John Cowan served in the United States Marine Corps, achieving the rank of Lance Corporal; as a result of his services during Vietnam, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

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WHEREAS, John Cowan was employed by McDonnell Douglas Corporation and many local proprietorships prior to his 33 years of service with the State of Illinois; before retiring as office manager of the East St. Louis and Alton offices of the State of Illinois Department of Rehabilitation, he pursued entrepreneurial ventures, including Bio-Behavioral Medicine, Cowan & Cowan Behavioral Health Consulting, and Flukie's Place;

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2 WHEREAS, John Cowan was confirmed at St. Matthew Lutheran  
3 Church, where he served as the President of the Board of  
4 Elders; and

5 WHEREAS, John Cowan was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha  
6 Fraternity, Inc., where he held various offices over the years;  
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8 WHEREAS, John Cowan's family was important to him and he  
9 regularly attended family reunions and supported family  
10 functions; and

11 WHEREAS, John Cowan was preceded in death by his parents,  
12 and his brothers, James "J.W.", Aaron "Townsend", and Otis; and

13 WHEREAS, John Cowan is survived by his wife, Karen, M.D.;  
14 his children, Tammy (Forest) Fisher, Paul (Maxine) Lovelace,  
15 Toijuan (Hilda) Bell, and Tiffany Joy Walehwa; his  
16 grandchildren, Travia Fisher, DeLawrence Foggy, Sharay Foggy,  
17 Aryk Bell, Harold Walehwa, and Lia Bell; his five  
18 great-grandchildren; his two sisters, Darlean Cowan (Richard)  
19 King and Patricia Renee Cowan; his great-niece, Mallori; his  
20 niece, Gwendolyn Glovers; his great-niece, Latadzja Ferguson;  
21 his great-nephew, Jamian Poole; and a host of other relatives

1 and dear friends whom he also considered his brothers, sisters,  
2 and children; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
5 John Edward "Flukie" Cowan, and extend our sincere condolences  
6 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of John Cowan as an expression of our  
10 deepest sympathy.