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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 Willie E. Johnson of Olympia Fields, who passed away on March 21, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Johnson was born on December 10, 1939; he graduated from Pearl Senior High School in Nashville, Tennessee, where he lettered in football; he received a bachelor's degree from Fisk University in Nashville, where he continued to play football and was initiated into the Alpha Delta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in 1962; he earned master's degrees from Northeastern Illinois University and Concordia University in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Johnson, while offered a professional contract with the Canadian Football League, instead pursued a career in education; he was a dedicated teacher for Chicago Public Schools for over 30 years, which included working at James R. Doolittle Elementary School; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Johnson was a lifelong member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and he served as a graduate advisor to the Epsilon Omega Chapter at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb and as the 7th Polemarch of the Chicago Heights Alumni Chapter; and

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1           WHEREAS, Willie Johnson was committed and dedicated to  
2 making an impact in his community; he will be remembered for  
3 leading with both his words and his actions; and

4           WHEREAS, Willie Johnson is survived by his wife, two  
5 children, his brother, two sisters, and a host of relatives;  
6 therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 Willie E. Johnson and extend our sincere condolences to his  
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
11 further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Willie Johnson as an expression of  
14 our deepest sympathy.