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## SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends  
4 of Dr. Irving C. Hudlin, who passed away on January 30, 2002;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Born on August 14, 1926, Dr. Hudlin was the son  
7 of the late Edward and Myrtle Hudlin of East Saint Louis and  
8 the descendant of black pioneer families in the Greater Saint  
9 Louis Area; Dr. Hudlin married Thelma MacGruder Hudlin, an  
10 army nurse, on December 6, 1952; and

11           WHEREAS, Dr. Hudlin was a retired Lieutenant Colonel of  
12 Special Forces and a war hero; after graduating from Lincoln  
13 High School in East Saint Louis, he began his career in the  
14 United States Army in 1944 and, after World War II, returned  
15 to fight in Korea in 1950 as a member of the 82nd Airborne  
16 Paratroop division; in 1962, he served in Southeast Asia and  
17 completed many tours of combat; he received numerous  
18 decorations for valor, including three bronze stars, the  
19 Legion of Merit with oak cluster, and various decorations for  
20 bravery in battle; as a Green Beret, he fought with  
21 counter-insurgency units behind enemy lines and as a  
22 paratrooper, he made over 25 flights over hostile territory;  
23 in addition, he authored an article on the role of military  
24 advisors in war that became a standard text used by the U.S.  
25 Army and some of his military exploits are recorded in  
26 memoirs written by men who served with him; and

27           WHEREAS, After his retirement from the armed forces in  
28 1974, Dr. Hudlin became a senior administrator at Southern  
29 Illinois University in Edwardsville; during his years in the  
30 service, he earned his undergraduate B.S. Degree from the  
31 University of Nebraska at Omaha; at SIUE he earned two Master  
32 degrees in Counseling and in Business; he completed his

1 education by earning a Ph.D. in political science from Saint  
2 Louis University; he retired from SIUE in 1992; upon  
3 retirement, he engaged in various philanthropic enterprises  
4 as a member of the Glen Carbon Library Board and as a member  
5 of the Knights of Columbus; and

6 WHEREAS, A resident of Glen Carbon for the past 25 years,  
7 Dr. Hudlin was a devout Catholic and Lay Reader for St.  
8 Boniface Church in Edwardsville; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Hudlin was part of a lineage who proudly  
10 served their country in the United States military; his  
11 father, Edward Hudlin, Sr., was a soldier who served in  
12 France during World War I; his brother, Warrington Hudlin,  
13 was a soldier and journalist, who wrote for the Stars &  
14 Stripes at the end of World War II; and his son, Dr.  
15 Christopher Hudlin, was a surgeon in the U.S. Navy and now  
16 has his private practice in San Francisco; in addition, his  
17 brother-in-law, Charles McClelland, was an engineer in the  
18 United States Navy; and

19 WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Irving C. Hudlin will be  
20 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his  
21 wife, Thelma Hudlin; his son, Dr. Christopher Hudlin; his  
22 daughters, Colleen (Max) Wilkerson and Sharon (Dr. Pierre)  
23 Morris; and his seven grandchildren; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
26 all who knew him, the death of Dr. Irving C. Hudlin of Glen  
27 Carbon, Illinois; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
29 presented to the family of Dr. Irving C. Hudlin with our  
30 sincere condolences.