

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of George W. Foster of East St. Louis,
4 who passed away June 1, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Foster was born December 6, 1931, to George
6 and Cappalena Foster; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Foster was educated in the Trouser County
8 Tennessee School System, and he attended Union High School;
9 after graduating, he enlisted in the United States Air Force
10 and served in the Philippines, Alaska, and Illinois; Mr.
11 Foster later attended the University of Illinois where he
12 received his Emergency management, Hazmat, and CPR Instructor
13 certifications; and

14 WHEREAS, After serving 23 years in the United States Air
15 Force, Mr. Foster retired while stationed at Scott Air Force
16 Base in Illinois; he became employed as a night shift
17 emergency medical technician supervisor in the Emergency Room
18 at Memorial Hospital in Belleville; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1972, Mr. Foster became employed with the
20 City of East St. Louis as supervisor over the East St. Louis
21 Rescue Squad; in the evenings he taught Emergency Management
22 Technician (EMT) courses at State Community College; he later
23 became the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency
24 coordinator, where he assisted many people in the metro-east
25 community with disasters; Mr. Foster also served as the FEMA
26 (Federal Emergency Management Agency) coordinator for the
27 East St. Louis area, as well as lead instructor for
28 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) in the metro-east
29 community; on February 28, 2001, Mr. Foster retired from the
30 City of East St. Louis; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Foster served as a member of the St. Clair

1 County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), the
2 Illinois Emergency Service Management Assistance (IESMA), the
3 American Red Cross Bi-State Chapter as Illinois District
4 Disaster Chairman, and the Region IV Area B Medical Service
5 Disaster Sub-Committee; he was a life member of the National
6 Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); he
7 was also Illinois District Boy Scouts Award Chairman and
8 associate with the Salvation Army; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Foster confessed a hope in Christ at an
10 early age in Hartsville, Tennessee; in 1979, he united with
11 St. John Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of
12 Reverend Frederick Wilson; Mr. Foster served on the Usher
13 Board, the Health Unit, and the Joint Ministry and as the New
14 Salem District Health supervisor; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Foster will be deeply missed by all those
16 who knew him and loved him, especially his loving wife,
17 Carolyn; his children, James Foster, George (Melba) Foster,
18 Jr., Wallace (Stephanie) Foster, Da'Mon Staples, Beverly
19 Foster, and Ivera Foster; his twenty grandchildren; his six
20 great-grandchildren; his brother, Bernice (Lannie) Foster;
21 his aunt, Irene Garrett; his stepdaughter, Janise Barnes; his
22 sister-in-law, Sylvia Reeves; his brother-in-law, Henry
23 Harris, Jr.; his two godsons, Broderick Hawkins and Gerold
24 Shephard; his devoted granddaughter, Toshua Foster; his
25 adopted sister, Josephine Webster; and his K-9, King;
26 therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
29 his family and friends, the death of George W. Foster; and be
30 it further

31 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
32 presented to the family of George W. Foster with our sincere

1 condolences.