

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Earl Neely on
4 February 16, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Neely was born in East St. Louis on February
6 8, 1923 to Mr. Phelan and Mrs. Sarah Griggs Neely; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Neely received his education from the Public
8 School System in East Saint Louis, where he attended Dunbar
9 Elementary School and graduated from Lincoln Senior High
10 School in June 1941; he attended Southern Illinois University
11 at Carbondale and Prairieview College in Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Neely was united in Holy Matrimony to Miss
13 Carol Stewart on November 27, 1952; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Neely enjoyed attending church with his
15 family at Pilgrim Temple A.M.E.; he later joined Shiloh
16 A.M.E. Church under the pastorage of Reverend Fred Oliver; he
17 was appointed and served as a steward and served faithfully
18 under the pastorage of L.B. Johnson until his health failed;
19 he also served as an usher on Usher Board #2 for several
20 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Neely was self-employed as a "Hatter" for 47
22 years; the first five years, he cleaned and blocked hats at
23 The Bronx Cleaners, where his brother Herbert taught him the
24 basics of cleaning and blocking hats; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Neely loved his family and tried to help in
26 any way he could; he loved life and was an avid lover of Jazz
27 music; his passing will be deeply felt by many, especially
28 his loving wife, Carol Neely; his grandson, Anthony (Trinas)
29 Neely; his three great-granddaughters, Ashley Neely, TaMyra
30 Neely, and Dominique Neely; his two sisters-in-law, Mrs.
31 Beatrice Neely and Mrs. Elva Neely; his five nephews and six

1 nieces; his devoted neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Allen (Flora)
2 McClinton and Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Griffin; his several
3 great-nephews and great-nieces; and many other relatives and
4 friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Neely was preceded in death by his son, Leon
6 Curtis Neely; his six brothers, Luther, Clifton, James, Leon,
7 Herbert, and Ernest Neely; and his sister, Beatrice Neely
8 Reed; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
11 of Earl Neely along with all who knew him and extend our
12 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and community;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Earl Neely with our deepest
16 sympathy.