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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of James (Jimmie) Gardley Sr. on Friday, January 27, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gardley was a true Christian, father, benefactor, and inspiration to all who knew him; he shared his wealth and knowledge with the poor and those who needed advice; and

WHEREAS, He was involved in many political and civic organizations; he worked as a precinct captain under the late Ralph H. Metcalfe, and he was president of the Building Council #17 of the Robert Taylor Homes, where he gained the respect of the residents as their benefactor; and

WHEREAS, He organized a baseball league at the Robert Taylor Homes to divert youths from criminal pursuits into legitimate healthy avenues of self-expression; he also sponsored many students in college; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gardley did not limit his support only to the African-American community; he spread his goodwill, charity, love, and understanding to the white and Hispanic communities as well; his kindness knew no boundaries; he was still very active in various communities, assisting people mentally, physically, and financially through his business, Gardley Consultant Service; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of James (Jimmie) Gardley Sr., and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest  
3 condolences.