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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 Dr. Donn F. Bailey of Chicago, who passed away on December 21, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Donn Bailey was a native of New Castle, Indiana where his family was active in the Wiley United Methodist Church; upon his graduation from New Castle High School in 1949, he attended and graduated in 1954 from Indiana University with a major in Speech and Hearing Therapy and a minor in Speech Science; and

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WHEREAS, He later received his Masters of Arts degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Indiana University; he received his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University in 1974; and

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WHEREAS, Donn Bailey was recruited from Indiana University in 1954 to become the first Black male to be hired by the Chicago Board of Education, Division of Speech Correction, as a speech therapist; for eight years in worked in various elementary schools and from 1962 to 1966 he worked in different high schools as a Speech Pathologist; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Bailey was a Distinguished Military Graduate

1 from the Indiana University ROTC Program; he was commissioned  
2 as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Infantry in  
3 June of 1954 and was called into service in February of 1956;  
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5 WHEREAS, Donn F. Bailey and A. June Bailey were married on  
6 May 1, 1955 after a whirlwind courtship; they were married for  
7 forty-nine years; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1965-1966 he joined with Dr. Donald H. Smith  
9 and Dr. Nancy L. Arnez in the founding of the Center for Inner  
10 City Studies (CICS) of Northeastern Illinois University; he  
11 resigned his position with the Chicago Public Schools and  
12 became a faculty member and instructor, as well as Assistant  
13 Director; after receiving his doctorate in 1974 he was  
14 appointed the Director and Professor of CICS; and

15 WHEREAS, As a result of his work, Dr. Bailey was awarded  
16 the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language  
17 Pathology from the American Speech-Language and Hearing  
18 Association in 1967; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey co-founded the National Black  
20 Association for Speech-Language and Hearing in 1977; he served  
21 as the first Executive Director from 1978 to 1981 and as  
22 Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1984 to 1990; and

1           WHEREAS, During the 1980s, Dr. Bailey was appointed by the  
2 Chicago Board of Education to enforce the federally ordered  
3 consent decree: Monitoring Commission on School Desegregation  
4 in Chicago Public Schools; he served as a member of the  
5 Commission from 1983 to 1986 and served as the Commission  
6 Chairman from 1986 to 1990; and during this time period, he was  
7 also active in the campaign to elect Harold Washington as Mayor  
8 of Chicago; and

9           WHEREAS, He served as a public member on the Hearing Board  
10 of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission  
11 (ARDC) from 1994 to 1999; he was appointed by the Supreme Court  
12 to serve three 3-year terms as Commissioner on the ARDC in  
13 2000, and resigned in 2007; and

14           WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey was an active member of the Chicago  
15 Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; he crossed  
16 the "Burning Sands" at the Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi at  
17 Indiana University in 1950; he was a founding member of the  
18 Chicago Heights Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi in 1965; and

19           WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Donn F. Bailey will be deeply  
20 felt by those who knew and loved him, especially his daughters,  
21 Donna Lyn, Marta Ann, and Traja Melissa; as well as many  
22 cousins, nieces, and nephews; he was preceded in death by his

1 brother, Rex H. Bailey; his sister, Kay P. Bailey; and his  
2 beloved wife, June Bailey; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
5 his family and friends, the passing of Dr. Donn F. Bailey; and  
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Dr. Donn F. Bailey as a symbol of  
9 our sincere sympathy.