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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 Melvin Powell, Sr., who passed away on November 5, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Powell, Sr. was born on October 27, 1931, in Belzoni-Isola, Mississippi; his parents were Bernice Powell and Will Nunn Jr.; he married Dian Mitchell on April 7, 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Powell, Sr. and his mother moved to Chicago when he was 4 years old; he attended Chicago Public Schools and graduated from Farragut High School; he then received his associate's degree in criminal justice from Wright Junior College; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Powell, Sr. was employed with the Arlington Hotel, a railroad, and the United States Post Office before joining the Chicago Police Department; he then served as a policeman for 33 years, reaching the rank of Sergeant; he retired from the Chicago Police Department in 2000; during his illustrious career, he received over 200 Honorable Mentions and was the recipient of the prestigious Cathy Osterman Award; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Powell, Sr. was an active member in his

1 community; he served as an interim alderman for Chicago's 9th
2 Ward and was the treasurer of the Roseland Little League
3 organization; and

4 WHEREAS, Melvin Powell, Sr. accepted Christ at an early
5 age; he attended Strangers Home Missionary Baptist Church in
6 Belzoni, Mississippi; in Chicago, he attended Commonwealth
7 Community Church and served as a loyal steward and deacon at
8 New Life Christian Ministries of Greater Chicago for the past
9 17 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Melvin Powell, Sr. is survived by his loving wife,
11 Dian; his son, Melvin Jr.; his grandchildren, Ashley Dian and
12 Gabrielle Dian; and his great-grandchild, Taylor Diahn Sharon
13 Hunter; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
16 his family and friends, the passing of Melvin Powell, Sr.; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Melvin Powell, Sr. as an expression
20 of our sympathy.