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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 Samuel Wilson Hurley Jr. of Chicago, who passed away on December 22, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on May 26, 1935 in Chicago, the son of Louise Capshaw and Samuel Wilson Hurley, Sr.; he was raised in a Christian Science upbringing that set his foundation for life; he attended John Marshall High School in Chicago and was a member of the National Honor Society, which led to his induction into the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Chicago; in 1956, he married Bonnie Jean Sims; and

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WHEREAS, He served in the ROTC and transitioned into the United States Air Force, where he served as a First Lieutenant; he served and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan; he later attended the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) where he received a Civil Engineering degree and was inducted into the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; he became a lifetime member in 1981, and celebrated 50 years of membership in 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He obtained a Master's degree in Public Works from the University of Pittsburgh; he was later appointed Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, Interim Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Sewers, and the Commissioner of Water for

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1 the City of Chicago; he later worked with Globetrotters
2 Engineering in the Chicago O'Hare International Airport
3 Development program, which included the installation of the
4 "People Mover" and the opening of the Delta Flight Center; and

5 WHEREAS, He was a member of the National Society of
6 Professional Engineers, the National Society of Black
7 Engineers, the Institute for Municipal Engineering, the
8 American Public Works Association, the Institute for
9 Administrative Management of American Public Works
10 Association, the Chicago Assembly, the DIVITS Golf Club, and
11 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated; and

12 WHEREAS, He and his wife moved to Spring, Texas in 2005; he
13 continued to serve in ministerial positions, including serving
14 as "Security" for the Children's Ministry at Northside
15 Christian Church; and

16 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and his
17 sister, Doris Burnley; and

18 WHEREAS, Samuel Wilson Hurley Jr. is survived by his wife,
19 Bonnie; his children, Pamela Holmes (Jesse), Michael
20 (Christye), Steven, Sr. (Tonia), Angela McElroy (Roderick
21 Sr.), and Kimberly Sneed (Kyle); his grandchildren, Jasmine,
22 Christofer, Dallas (Sade), Nicholas, Steven, Jr., Eryn,

1 Brittney, Jordan, Kennedy, Dylan, Kerrington, Roderick, Jr.,
2 Kayla, Kylie, and Kole; his great-grandchildren, Jade, Jaylen,
3 Trenton, and Aiden; and many other relatives and friends;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
7 his family and friends, the passing of Samuel Wilson Hurley
8 Jr.; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Samuel Wilson Hurley Jr. as a symbol
11 of our sincere sympathy.