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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 Carl Lee White, Sr., who passed away on February 15, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Carl Lee White, Sr. was born in Altheimer, Arkansas, on January 26, 1932; his parents were Murphy White and Mamie Harris; he married his loving wife, Blanchie, on January 16, 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Carl Lee White, Sr. was raised in Arkansas and received his education from Logabayou School; as a young man, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior at Logabayou Missionary Baptist Church; as a child, he put aside his education and began to work in order to provide for his family; he picked cotton and worked in the oil fields pumping oil for cars; after many years, he eventually completed his education and graduated high school; and

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WHEREAS, In 1952, Carl Lee White, Sr. moved his family to Texas, where they continued to reside for several years; in 1957, the White family relocated to Chicago, where they united with the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church (now Joshua Missionary Baptist Church); he was subsequently baptized and ordained as a Deacon of Joshua MB Church; in April of 1964, he

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1 accepted the call to preach the gospel; in just a few months,
2 Deacon White was elevated to the position of Pastor; in June of
3 1964, Pastor White and the Joshua MB Church moved to their new
4 location at 3316 West Roosevelt Road; under Pastor White's
5 leadership, the church's membership grew in numbers, requiring
6 a move to the church's current location at 3255 West Carroll
7 Avenue; and

8 WHEREAS, Under the guidance of Pastor White, Joshua
9 Missionary Baptist Church became well known for its outstanding
10 choir and for the dynamically preached words that went forth;
11 Pastor White's love for the choir and gospel music caused him
12 to form a musical group called The Jubilaires; he furthered his
13 education through the Chicago Baptist Institute and Moody Bible
14 College; he also mentored many deacons, preachers, and sons in
15 the ministry; and

16 WHEREAS, Pastor White was affiliated with the Sunlight
17 District and the National Baptist Convention; he marched in
18 Gage Park in Chicago with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in
19 furtherance of civil rights; in 1966, he was instrumental in
20 the implementation of Black History Month Celebrations at
21 Harrison High School in Chicago; he worked with various
22 companies and developed several trades; he was also influential
23 in providing assistance to the homeless, feeding the sick and
24 senior citizens, and establishing youth and job training

1 programs and counseling services; and

2 WHEREAS, Carl Lee White, Sr. was preceded in death by his
3 parents; his brothers, Willie and Monroe; his sister, Dorothy
4 White Newton; and his son, Kenneth White; and

5 WHEREAS, Carl Lee White, Sr. is survived by his sons,
6 Apostle Carl Lee White Jr. (Pamela), James White (Carol),
7 Timothy White, and Lauren White; his daughters, Annette
8 Northington (Pearlie), Pharistener Cash, Vicky White, and
9 Charlotte White; his brother, Murphy White Jr.; his sister,
10 Maydine Davis (Calvin); and his many grandchildren,
11 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and
12 friends; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 his family and friends, the passing of Carl Lee White, Sr.; and
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Carl Lee White, Sr. as an expression
19 of our sympathy.