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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Unit Church Ushers League, Chicago Zone (UCUL) is a not-for-profit, interfaith organization of Christian men and women who have devoted themselves to the ministry of church ushering; and

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WHEREAS, The Unit Church Ushers League, Chicago Zone was founded by John C. Williams; the first nine church usher boards of Chicago were Bethel A.M.E., Greater Walters A.M.E Zion, Quinn Chapel A.M.E., Salem Baptist, now Greater Salem Baptist, South Park Methodist, now Hartzell United Methodist, St. John Baptist Church, now St. John Church Baptist, St. Mary A.M.E., Olivet Baptist, and St. Paul A.M.E.; and

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WHEREAS, The Unit Church Ushers League, Chicago Zone has grown into a statewide organization, which is affiliated with the National United Church Users Association of America, Inc.; this organization brings together thousands of church ushers from across the country for training and support; and

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WHEREAS, The Unit Church Ushers League, Chicago Zone is dedicated to enhancing the service provided by its members to their churches and to establishing bonds between doorkeepers throughout the area; through instructions and fellowship, the organization encourages its members to recognize the

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1 importance of their ministry; the interdenominational
2 organization provides a forum for its members to gain an
3 increased awareness of the usher's role in the church, learn
4 better techniques to serve the needs of their pastor and
5 congregation, and expand their appreciation of ushering as a
6 Christian ministry; and

7 WHEREAS, The Unit Church Ushers League, Chicago Zone is
8 committed to service and the community; they provide hands-on
9 support and economic relief to their communities and to those
10 in need through outreach and education ministries; and

11 WHEREAS, The Unit Church Ushers League, Chicago Zone will
12 celebrate its 100th anniversary on September 28, 2019;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare September
16 28, 2019 Unit Church Usher League, Chicago Zone Day in the
17 State of Illinois; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the Unit Church Ushers League, Chicago Zone as an
20 expression of our esteem and respect.