



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois  
3 learned with regret of the death of Albert "Al" Gillespie, Jr.  
4 of Chicago on Monday, September 26, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Gillespie was born on March 18, 1937, in  
6 Starkville, Mississippi to Albert Gillespie, Sr. and Gussie  
7 Malone Gillespie; he received his formal education in the  
8 public schools of Starkville, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Gillespie's enthusiasm for an opportunity to  
10 be gainfully employed led him to relocate to Chicago; he worked  
11 in the South Water Market District for thirty-two years; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Gillespie's zeal for his vocation and his work  
13 ethics made him an invaluable employee; in 1997, he retired  
14 from the Strube Celery and Vegetable Company; and

15 WHEREAS, He embraced the Christian religion and became a  
16 devoted Catholic; he was an active member of St. Benedict The  
17 African Church and was a faithful member of its Men's Club; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Gillespie was an avid golfer who consistently  
19 endeavored to be the "best"; he was loving, friendly, sharing,  
20 and outgoing; and

21 WHEREAS, Though Mr. Gillespie was an outstanding employee  
22 and he loved to play golf, his devotion and enduring love for  
23 his soul-mate of sixteen years, Ruth Douglas-Gillespie,  
24 family, and friends were paramount; he was someone they could  
25 depend on; and

26 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and his  
27 brother, Jodie Outlaw; and

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Albert "Al" Gillespie has been  
2 deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Ruth  
3 Douglas-Gillespie; his five children, Albert Gillespie III,  
4 Anthony Gillespie, Jeanette Gillespie, Twana (Stephen) Cosey,  
5 and Jesse Douglas; his seven grandchildren; his two brothers,  
6 Malone Gillespie and James (Ondria) Gillespie; his two sisters,  
7 Theresa Lucious and Rosie Dancer; his three uncles, William  
8 Malone, Walter Malone, and Julius Horton; his three aunts,  
9 Nancy Norris, Maggie (Fenton) Peters, and Ollie Mae Bell; his  
10 two brothers-in-law, James Williams and Jeffery (Sandra)  
11 Williams; his two sisters-in-law, Janie (Jodie) Outlaw and  
12 Kathy (Lee) Williams-Harris; his three very special friends,  
13 Charles Curry, James Sankey, and Napoleon Stevenson; and a host  
14 of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 Albert "Al" Gillespie, and we extend our sincerest condolences  
18 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
19 it further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
22 sympathy for their loss.