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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 Collins E. Brown, Sr. of Chicago, who passed away on June 9, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Collins E. Brown, Sr. was a member of the Chicago Fire Department for 35 years, having begun his career in 1954 and retiring as Battalion Chief in 1989; he held the positions of Acting Deputy District Chief, Battalion Chief, Captain, Chief Firefighter of Emergency Medical Services, Lieutenant, and Firefighter; and

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WHEREAS, Collins E. Brown, Sr. received many awards, honors, and commendations, including the Lambert Tree Award Honorable Mention on five occasions and the Chicago Daily Defender Black Firefighter of the Year; he was recognized as one of the firefighters contributing the most to the Englewood area, listed in the Black Almanac as one of Chicago's first minority officers of the Chicago Fire Department, and noted in the DuSable Museum for his achievements and endeavors with the CFD; and

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WHEREAS, Collins E. Brown, Sr. held memberships in the International Association of Firefighters, State of Illinois Emergency Medical Technicians, International Black

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1 Firefighters of America, and Operation PUSH Black Firefighters
2 and Paramedics Association; he was a founding member of the
3 Afro American Firefighters Association; and

4 WHEREAS, Collins E. Brown, Sr. was a member of Christian
5 Hope Missionary Baptist Church for more than 40 years, where he
6 served on the Usher Board and was a boy scout troop leader; and

7 WHEREAS, Collins E. Brown, Sr. was very athletic; he won
8 the Golden Gloves Championship, was the recipient of the
9 National Award for the Middleweight Class Boxing Championship
10 of the World (Chicago), and was a boxing instructor of the CFD
11 Navy Pier Gymnasium; he was a member of the USA Amateur Boxing
12 Federation and served as a State of Illinois Licensed Athletic
13 Judge; therefore, be it

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

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