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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Carlos J. Nelson, Sr., of Posen, who 4 passed away on February 24, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, He was born on March 19, 1930, on the Southside of 6 Chicago, to Ernest and Mary Nelson; he was the oldest of five 7 sons; and

8 WHEREAS, He attended St. Elizabeth's Elementary and High 9 School; he attended Lewis University, where he excelled in his 10 studies while playing football; and

WHEREAS, He was employed as one of the first African-Americans at Reynolds Metal in McCook, where he worked for nearly 40 years; he was a devoted member of St. Stanislaus Parish as well as a committed volunteer and civic servant to the village of Posen; and

WHEREAS, He enjoyed gardening, reading, cooking, and music; he followed the stock market; he traveled the country using his CB radio and his handle "Cisco"; he enjoyed bowling and golf, both of which he did for more than 50 years; and

20 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; and his

- 1 brothers, William, Earl "Lump", Ray, and Nate; and
- WHEREAS, Carlos Nelson, Sr. is survived by his wife of 42
- 3 years, Aurora; his son, Carlos; his daughters, Sharon (William)
- 4 Karen, Linda (John), Elizabeth (Ron), Ernestina, Aurora, Carla
- 5 (Randy), and Raquel (Steve); his brother, Bernard; his "sis",
- 6 Myrtle; his 22 grandchildren; his 10 great-grandchildren; his
- 7 nieces, nephews, other relatives; and his close friends;
- 8 therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
- 10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
- 11 his family and friends, the passing of Carlos Nelson, Sr.; and
- 12 be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 14 presented to the family of Carlos Nelson, Sr. as a symbol of
- our sincere sympathy.