1   SENATE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to

3   learn of the death of Earnest L. Thomas, who passed away on May

4   3, 2013; and

5   WHEREAS, Earnest Thomas was born on September 17, 1932, in

6   Sparta, Georgia; and

7   WHEREAS, Earnest Thomas received his education at Union

8   High School and Georgia State College; he continued his

9   education at Georgia Baptist College, where he earned his

10   bachelor's degree in theology and his doctorate; and

11   WHEREAS, Earnest Thomas served his country as a member of

12   the United States Army during the Korean War; and

13   WHEREAS, Earnest Thomas was employed by the Chicago Public

14   Schools as a teacher for more than 30 years; and

15   WHEREAS, Earnest Thomas was committed to community

16   involvement and was affiliated with the NAACP, the 11th

17   District Beat Representative, the Police District Steering

18   Committee, and the Midwest Community Council; he also served as

19   Executive Director of the 7th Congressional District

20   Organization; and

1   WHEREAS, Earnest Thomas accepted Christ as his holy savior
2   and was united with the Greater Garfield Baptist Church under
3   the leadership of Reverend George Henderson; and

4   WHEREAS, Earnest Thomas enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling,
5   and reading; and

6   WHEREAS, Earnest Thomas was preceded in death by his
7   mother, Corine Thomas; and

8   WHEREAS, Earnest Thomas is survived by his son, Tramaine
9   (Shavon) Collins; his daughters, Tara and Tunga Collins; his
10   grandsons, Tramaine Jr. and Darrious; his granddaughter,
11   Capriah; his special friend, Ms. Rose; and his many other
12   relatives and friends; therefore, be it

13   RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
14   ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15   his family and friends, the passing of Earnest L. Thomas; and
16   be it further

17   RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18   presented to the family of Earnest Thomas as an expression of
19   our sympathy.