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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Lawrence Augustus Hutcherson, who passed 4 away on August 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Hutcherson was born in St. Simons Island, Georgia on December 17, 1937 to Charlie Hutcherson and Ludene Sutton Hutcherson; he attended Glynn County public schools and graduated from Risley High School; he served in the United States Army during the Korean War; he attended Paine College and married his wife Ernestine in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Hutcherson was active in Emmanuel Baptist Church, Holy Name of Mary Church, and the Cathedral of Joy Baptist Church; at Holy Name of Mary, he served as an usher, as a member of the Knights of Peter Claver, as a member of the men's choir, and as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout Master; in 1989, he became a member of Cathedral of Joy Baptist Church, where he was the pastor's adjutant and worked with the Sunday school, Gideon's Army, the youth ministry, the administrative team, and wherever else he was needed; he also served as a deacon for the past 25 years and established the Champions for Change for the church's early childhood educational center; and

WHEREAS, Outside of the church, Lawrence Hutcherson served

- 1 as a counselor to troubled youth in various communities, worked
- 2 alongside various politicians, served as President of the
- 3 Jaycees, and worked with Citizen Newspaper and Operation PUSH;
- 4 he sold World Books in addition to many other products to
- 5 benefit others; he also owned small businesses; he retired from
- 6 Crane Tech as a quidance Counselor and as a substitute teacher
- 7 in the Hammond, Indiana school system; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Lawrence Hutcherson was preceded in death by his
- 9 wife, Ernestine; his father, Charlie Hutcherson, Sr.; his
- 10 mother, Ludene Sutton Hutcherson; his 2 sisters, Evelyn
- 11 Hutcherson and Caretha Hutcherson Stevens; and his brother,
- 12 Alonzo "Bubba" Hutcherson; and
- WHEREAS, Lawrence Hutcherson is survived by his 2 children,
- 14 Andricus and Anitra; his grandcat Josephine; his brother,
- 15 Charlie Hutcherson (Margaret); and a host of nieces, nephews,
- other relatives, and friends; therefore, be it
- 17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
- ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 19 Lawrence Augustus Hutcherson, and extend our sincere
- 20 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
- 21 him; and be it further
- 22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Lawrence Hutcherson as an expression

of our deepest sympathy.