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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Clarence Williams of Chicago on April 1, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was born August 28, 1924, in Round Lake, Mississippi to Oliver Sr. and Roberta Williams; he was the fourth of six children; and

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WHEREAS, His youth was spent in Clarksdale, Mississippi, where he attended the White Plains Elementary School; he married Bessie Lee Hunter on April 25, 1948, and they had 12 children; and

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WHEREAS, In 1950, Mr. Williams moved his family to Chicago, and he worked at Pyle National until he retired in 1988 after 38 years; he attended Sunrise MB Church and Shiloh MB Church; and

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WHEREAS, He was a loving father, a gentle grandfather, and a gracious great-grandfather; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Oliver Jr. and R.T.; his sisters, Ethel, Roberta, and Rosie Mae; and one daughter, Diane Ramey; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Clarence Williams is felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Bessie, his daughters, Ethel Burks-Joyner (Reynold), Mildred Bennett (Jerome Sr.), Tammy Brown (Arch), and Tisa and Michele Williams; his sons, Clarence Jr. (Jollyette), Jimmy (Jeanette), James (Darlene), Henry (Vernetria), Kenneth (Kimberly), and Michael; his 29 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; his god daughter, Cynthia Cooley; his god son, Tommy Cooper; and a host of other relatives and friends;

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2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Clarence Williams and extend our sincere condolences to his
5 family, friends, and community; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
8 sympathy.