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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 Robert C. Whitehead Jr. of North Chicago, who passed away on March 4, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in 1931 in Marion, Alabama to Robert and Mattie Whitehead; Robert's parents moved to the Waukegan area in July 1937; he attended elementary schools in the Waukegan-North Chicago area; he graduated from Waukegan Township High School in June of 1949 and received a B. A. Degree from Central State University at Wilberforce, Ohio in June 1953 with a major in Political Science-History and a minor in Music Education; and

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WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Central State University he received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army and served two years with the 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper-ranger; upon the completion of his military obligation he worked as a Postal Clerk for six and one half years at the North Chicago Post Office; and

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WHEREAS, While working at the Post Office, he completed one year of law school at Chicago Kent College of Law; he earned a M.Ed Degree in Education at Roosevelt University with emphasis on Supervision and School Administration and went on to work 28

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1 years with the North Chicago school system with 22 of the years
2 as a School Principal and retired in 1990; he was the first
3 black Junior High School Principal in Lake County; and

4 WHEREAS, He held the following memberships: Silver Square
5 Lodge #791 Fayetteville, North Carolina Demit to; Rufus
6 Mitchell Lodge #107 (Past Treasurer); Western Consistory #28
7 (1965) Demit to; North Shore Consistory #91 (Most Wise &
8 Perfect Master); Shawall Temple #165 A.E.A.O.N.M.S.
9 Illustrious Potentate; 33rd Degree Mason; Emblem Chapter #140
10 O.E.S. Past Patron; Stanley J Harris #60 Holy Royal Arch Mason;
11 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, life member; Shiloh Baptist Church,
12 member for 47 years and a trustee 35 years; Past Board
13 Member-Lake County Urban League; Past Board Member-Branch
14 Y.M.C.A.; Past 2nd Vice-President, Illinois Lung Association;
15 Past President-Lake County Lung Association; and the American
16 Legion; and

17 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his
18 brothers, Timothy and Kenneth; and his sister, Mallie Nichols;
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20 WHEREAS, Robert Whitehead Jr. is survived by his loving
21 wife, Valda; his son, Robert Rick (Shari); his granddaughter,
22 Michelle Cydney; his step-grandsons, Philip, Adam, and Connor;
23 his sisters, Cleopatra Cowins and Jacqueline Dorsey; his

1 brother, Lawrence (Laura); his brother-in-law, Harvey (Helen)
2 Ricks; his sisters-in-law, Kaye Whitehead and Barbara Ricks;
3 his uncles, Rev. John (Ruby) Whitehead and Elder Earl (Laverne)
4 Whitehead; his aunts, Elma McKinney and Archie Russell; several
5 nieces and nephews; and special friends Warren and Mert
6 Johnson, Curtis and Kathy Morris, O'Niel Swanson, and his
7 Shiloh Baptist Church and Masonic family; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
10 his family and friends, the passing of Robert C. Whitehead Jr.;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Robert C. Whitehead Jr. as a symbol
14 of our sincere sympathy.