SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Chalmus English Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Chalmus English, the son of Charles English and Willie Mae Green English, was born in Birmingham, Alabama on March 15, 1947; he graduated from Ullman High School in 1964; he received a degree in commerce and social studies from LaSalle Extension University; he married Wilma Marie Wilson on January 24, 1968; and

WHEREAS, Chalmus English began working as a postal worker in 1964; he later served as an area supervisor at Corn Products for 15 years and as a plant manager for Heller Seasoning for seven years; he fulfilled his longtime dream by establishing See-English Accounting & Tax Services in 1994, becoming a respected business owner and trusted advisor to countless families and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Chalmus English was an active member of First Baptist Church of Chicago, becoming affiliated in 1969 and then a member in 1970 before being baptized in 1977; he served in numerous leadership roles within the church, including as a Sunday school teacher, a deacon, a youth coordinator, director of the Community Youth Program, chairperson of the Board of

Christian Education, a member of the usher board and the board of trustees, and a FBC moderator; and

WHEREAS, Chalmus English remained committed to serving the youth, earning the Sheriff's Youth Enrichment Award in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Chalmus English, affectionately referred to as "Paw-Paw" by his grandchildren, was known for his integrity, his humor, and his deep faith; he will be remembered for his legacy of wisdom, compassion, and steadfast love and for the countless lives he shaped, supported, and uplifted; and

WHEREAS, Chalmus English was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Ernest English, Houston English, Odessa English, and Barbara Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Chalmus English is survived by his wife; his children, Derrick Earl English, Talisa Renee (Jason) English Harris, and Chalmus English Jr.; his daughter-in-law, Tiffani Tyler-English; four grandchildren; one bonus grandchild; his siblings, Sandy English, Tyrone English, Sandra Stevenson, and Laura Jean Smith; his sisters-in-law, LeAndres White, Shelby McDonald, Ella McDonald, and Vivian McDonald; eight nieces and nephews; his cousins; and ten godchildren; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Chalmus English Sr. and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Chalmus English as an expression of our deepest sympathy.