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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Deacon Isaiah Cunningham of North Chicago on November 7, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Deacon Isaiah Cunningham was born on January 12, 1918, in Spartanburg, South Carolina, to Frank and Lola Cunningham; he accepted Christ at an early age and in 1923, the family moved to North Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, In 1924, the Deacon Cunningham united with First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, where he remained a cornerstone of wisdom and knowledge; his dedication to First Corinthian resulted in several awards and commendations throughout the years; and

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WHEREAS, He married Ann Cunningham in 1949; to this union four children were born; he was a U.S. Army Veteran who served his country during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, Deacon Isaiah Cunningham retired as a mechanic from Chrysler Motors after 35 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Deacon Isaiah Cunningham has been deeply felt by many, especially his daughter, Betty Christmas; his sons, Shelly Vernell Powell, Rickey (Jean) Cunningham, and Gerald Cunningham; his 15 grandchildren; his great-granddaughter; his godsons, Mildren "Butch" Hooper and Rev. John (Debra) Patterson Jr.; and his many other relatives and dear friends; he was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Ann Cunningham; his parents, Lola and Frank Cunningham; his brothers, Berry, Mack, Lawrence, Harrison, William, Willie, and Frank Cunningham; and his sister, Alma Abrahams; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Deacon Isaiah Cunningham, and we extend our sincere condolences
4 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
5 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.