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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 Dr. Delancey Howard Moore of East St. Louis on Sunday, April 2, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Moore was born on September 20, 1951, in St. Louis, Missouri to Katherine Reynolds and Ellis T. "Beef" Moore; he was an only child, reared by his loving mother, grandmother, Renthie Reynolds, and aunt, Carrie Cannon; he followed the guidance and wisdom of these three women, as he matured into a man of exemplary stature; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Moore received his formal education in the East St. Louis school system, graduating from East St. Louis Senior High School in January, 1970; his educational journey was steady and progressive; he attended Eden Theological Seminary and was a graduate of Parkland College in Champaign; he received a Doctorate of Philosophy from LaSalle University in Mandeville, Louisiana; he was also a graduate of the U.S. Department of Justice Training Academy, the National Sheriffs Association, and the F.B.I. Academy in Quantico, Virginia; and

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WHEREAS, On April 5, 1975, Dr. Moore married Debra Anne Holt; the couple enjoyed thirty-one years of marriage; he was a devoted husband and father to his three children, Delancey II, Darrington, and Marcia; he was very proud of his family and drew strength from their love; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Moore enjoyed a stellar career in criminal justice; he was Parole Supervisor for the Illinois Department of Corrections, which comprises St. Clair and eleven other Southern Illinois counties; in the past, he served as a Probation Officer for St. Clair County's Probation and Court Services Department, 20th Judicial Circuit, a Correctional Officer, a Classification Specialist, a Training Academy

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1 Director, and ultimately, Jail Superintendent at the St. Clair
2 County Sheriff's Department; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Moore was appointed and served as a member of
4 the State of Illinois Prisoner Review Board; he taught in the
5 Criminal Justice Department at Southwestern Illinois College;
6 he was most proud of founding a family business, Moore
7 Memorials, which specializes in headstones and plaques; and

8 WHEREAS, On February 10, 1986, Dr. Moore entered ministry
9 at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in East St. Louis; as one
10 of Mt. Zion's proud "Sons of Thunder", he was ordained as a
11 Baptist Minister on June 5, 1988; also in 1988, he was elected
12 to serve as pastor of the Abyssinian Missionary Baptist Church
13 in St. Louis, Missouri, where he served as spiritual leader for
14 eleven years until October 3, 1999 when he was sent by God and
15 elected pastor by the congregation of St. Mark Missionary
16 Baptist Church in East St. Louis; and

17 WHEREAS, Having been inspired by his mentor and godfather,
18 the late Marion E. Officer, Sr., Dr. Moore became a student of
19 oratory; he honed his skills over the past twenty-two years as
20 the radio voice for the Officer Funeral Homes' weekly Sunday
21 night broadcast; he became a licensed funeral director with
22 Officer Funeral Homes in 1991, incorporating his unique brand
23 of empathy and compassion to the families he served; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Moore received various service awards and
25 professional recognitions through the years; he had many
26 interests and affiliations, including membership in Kappa
27 Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., East St. Louis Alumni Chapter,
28 where he served as Lt. Strategus and Southern Cross Lodge No.
29 112; and

30 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his
31 grandmother, Renthie Reynolds; his father-in-law, Myles E.

1 Holt; his grandmother-in-law, Annie "Nana" Thompson; and his
2 grandfather-in-law, George "Papa" Thompson; and

3 WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Delancey Howard Moore has been
4 deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Debra Holt Moore; his
5 children, Delancey H. Moore, II, Darrington H. Moore, and
6 Marcia D. Byrd; his aunt, Carrie Cannon; his great aunt, Sennie
7 Adams; his cousins, Francis Washington, Shirley Grey, George
8 Washington, and James Lincoln; his mother-in-law, Delores Y.
9 Holt; his brother-in-law, Myles E. Holt, II; his niece, Kailey
10 M. Holt; other relatives; his second family, M. Bernadette
11 Officer, Carl E. Officer, and Marion E. Officer, II; his very
12 special friends, Senator James F. Clayborne, Jr., V. Kenneth
13 Johnson, Christopher McKinley, Parris McIntosh, Stephen Bond,
14 and Dexter Lang; his numerous friends and co-workers; his St.
15 Mark Missionary Baptist Church family; his Mt. Zion Missionary
16 Baptist Church family; and all those who love the Lord;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Dr. Delancey Howard Moore and we extend our sincerest
21 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
22 him; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
24 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
25 sympathy for their loss.