



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois
3 learned with regret of the death of Shawn D. Davis on June 4,
4 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, Shawn was born on July 17, 1972, in Chicago
6 Heights to Delois Davis and Marcus Peace; he gave his life to
7 Christ at an early age at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist
8 church and later in life, he found an inner peace; and

9 WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Big Shawn", he began his
10 education at Lexington Elementary; he went on to attend Proviso
11 East High School, where he attained his high school diploma and
12 cultivated his love for football; and

13 WHEREAS, His athleticism has been nationally recognized
14 and is accompanied by All State honors; he set records as a
15 receiver that are yet to be broken; his records and athletic
16 ability made him one of the best tight ends at Proviso East
17 High school; he received numerous athletic scholarship offers
18 to join the rosters of several Big 10 universities; and

19 WHEREAS, He grew up across the street from the Lightford
20 household and was one of the nicest and most gentle persons
21 anyone could ever encounter in life; and

22 WHEREAS, He was a "Big Brother" and mentor to many young
23 men in the neighborhood, including Senator Kimberly A.
24 Lightford's brother, Melvin "Nankey", and was always ready and
25 willing to have a brotherly conversation with any of them when
26 the need arose; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis had an entrepreneurial spirit and
28 enjoyed traveling, sports, and being surrounded by his closest
29 friends; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was a wonderful man who could be counted
2 on or called upon to assist in any way; he was one of God's true
3 soldiers, and so many people were touched by his life; and

4 WHEREAS, The passing of Shawn D. Davis has been deeply felt
5 by many, especially his mother, Delois Phillips; his
6 stepfather, Willie Phillips; his sister, Latoya Phillips; his
7 niece, Uneke Phillips; his nephew, Dwayne Crowder Jr.; his
8 grandparents, Katie Davis and Loretta Weston; his special
9 friend, Ashina Kelly; his uncles and aunts, Ann Bailey (John),
10 Vivian, Deborah, Diane, Loretta, Ronald, and Donald; and his
11 many other family and friends; he was preceded in death by his
12 father, Marcus Peace; his grandparents, Willie Davis and Dirk
13 Weston; and his uncle, Michael A. Davis; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Shawn D. Davis, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
21 sympathy.