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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 Cornelius "Neal" Welborn of Chicago, who passed away on April 15, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Cornelius "Neal" Welborn was born on February 12, 1929 in Chicago; his parents were Walter and Ora Welborn; he married Jean on August 24, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Cornelius Welborn graduated from Englewood High School and attended junior college before entering the U.S. Army as a paratrooper; after returning from the Army, he worked for the Chicago Transit Authority for a short time before joining the Chicago Police Department, where had the distinction of being Chicago's first black bomb technician, a position from which he retired after 37 faithful years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Cornelius Welborn enjoyed traveling with Jean and spending time with friends; he was known to many of his friends as "the Senator" and enjoyed socializing over the years with the Lords of Chesterfield social club, the Loggers, and the Over the Hill Gang; and

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WHEREAS, Cornelius Welborn will be remembered by all who

1 knew him to be an excellent provider and caring father, who
2 continually focused on the needs of his wife and children
3 before all else; and

4 WHEREAS, Cornelius Welborn was preceded in death by his
5 son, Marc; and his brother, Nathaniel; and

6 WHEREAS, Cornelius Welborn is survived by his wife, Jean;
7 his daughter, Julie; his grandson, Terrance; his cousins,
8 Clarence, Clarence Jr., and Stacy Randolph; his cousin, Elaine
9 Randolph; his brother-in-law, Edward Spears; his
10 sister-in-law, Anita Welborn; his niece, Pamela Welborn; and a
11 host of relatives and friends; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 his family and friends, the passing of Cornelius "Neal"
15 Welborn; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Cornelius "Neal" Welborn as an
18 expression of our sympathy.