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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 Melvin Alexander, Sr. of Chicago, who passed away on January 10, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Alexander, Sr. was born on January 23, 1932, in Chicago, the son of Carmella and William Alexander; he was a graduate of Wendell Phillips High School in Chicago; he received further education in California, specializing in the area of law enforcement; and

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WHEREAS, He was baptized at the Canaan Baptist Church by the late Reverend Essex Elijah Franklin; and

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WHEREAS, He served in the United States Army and was a decorated Artillery Sergeant in the Korean War; he served for 33 years with the Chicago Police Department, served the city of Chicago as Special Detail to the late Mayor Harold Washington, and subsequently as Executive Director of the Office of Municipal Investigations; and

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WHEREAS, He later served the Cook County Sheriff's department as Director of the Child Support Enforcement Division until his retirement; and

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1 WHEREAS, He has a deep love for his family; he was a
2 devoted husband and father, a caring brother, and a person who
3 made an impression on others; and

4 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his sister, Geraldine
5 Floyd; his brother, Leslie Alexander, Sr.; and his son, Melvin
6 Alexander, Jr.; and

7 WHEREAS, Melvin Alexander, Sr. is survived by his
8 daughters, Angela Holbrook (Frank) and Aileen Gay (Derrick);
9 his sons, Anthony and Michael (Rosemary); his sisters,
10 Elverneece A. Moore and Norma J. Cantrell; his sister-in-law,
11 Yolanda Alexander; his 17 grandchildren; his 17
12 great-grandchildren; his nieces, nephews, other relatives, and
13 friends; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
16 his family and friends, the passing of Melvin Alexander, Sr.;
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Melvin Alexander, Sr. as a symbol of
20 our sincere sympathy.