

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Convictions of persons sentenced to death in
3 this State have been overturned due to inadequate
4 representation of the defendant; and

5 WHEREAS, A major cause of this inadequate representation
6 is the lack of financial resources for experienced counsel,
7 investigators, expert witnesses, and scientific research on
8 behalf of the defendant; and

9 WHEREAS, Additional funding for use in capital cases
10 would improve the administration of justice in Illinois;
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we request the Senate
14 Appropriations Committee to investigate and recommend
15 additional funding for the Office of the State Appellate
16 Defender and the appellate division of the Cook County Public
17 Defender's Office to assist those offices in representing
18 appeals of capital cases; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the
20 chairman and minority spokesman of the Senate Appropriations
21 Committee.