

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends
4 of Samuel Payne, Sr., who passed away on April 19, 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, Samuel Payne, Sr. was born on June 16, 1919, in
6 Zion, Illinois, to Samuel Lincoln Payne and Dora Campbell;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Samuel Payne, Sr. proudly served his country
9 during World War II in the United States Army; and

10 WHEREAS, Samuel Payne, Sr. retired from U.S. Steel after
11 thirty-seven years of service; and

12 WHEREAS, Samuel Payne, Sr. served for eighteen years as a
13 member of the Third County Board District as well as the Lake
14 County Board; he was Vice-Chairman of the Taxation and
15 Election Committee; he was a member of the Legislative and
16 Intergovernmental Relations Committee and originator of the
17 Forest Preserve Committee in charge of Citizen Participation
18 meetings; and he was a member of the County Law and Judicial
19 Committee, where he served as Vice Chairman; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition, Samuel Payne, Sr. served on the
21 Public Works Committee, the Ad Hoc Committee to save the
22 Partnership for Health Clinic, and as past Vice Chairman of
23 the Development Committee of Zion; he was a member of the
24 Public Works and Highways Committee, a member of the Health
25 Services Committee, a past member of the Lake County C.E.T.A.
26 Program, a member of the Zion Library Board, and the head of
27 the Grade School Building Committee; he also served as the
28 first black member of the Zion Grade School board of
29 Education, as president of the Zion NAACP, and as past vice
30 president of the Zion Booker T. Washington Club; and

31 WHEREAS, Some of the civic contributions of Samuel Payne,

1 Sr. include the Zion Boy Scouts, the Zion Community Hospital
2 Building advisory committee, the American International
3 Hospital, the Zion Public Library, and the former Special
4 Zion Police; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1956, Samuel Payne, Sr. helped organize the
6 Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Zion, Illinois, where
7 he served as a Deacon for forty-four years and as General
8 Financial Secretary and Treasurer for twenty-five years; and

9 WHEREAS, The passing of Samuel Payne, Sr. will be deeply
10 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife,
11 Michelle; his sons, Richard (Annie) Payne, Robert (wife,
12 June) Payne, and Samuel (wife, Alyce) Payne; his daughter,
13 Irene (husband, Coleman) Bass; his grandchildren, Coleman,
14 Jr., James, Jackie, Brian, Vivian, Robbin, Samuel III,
15 Crystal, Evelyn, and Martis; his two great-grandchildren; and
16 his brother, Willis Payne; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
19 all who knew him, the death of Samuel Payne, Sr. of Zion,
20 Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Samuel Payne, Sr. with our sincere
23 condolences.