

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Our community has recently suffered the loss of  
3 an individual whose legacy is one of compassion, activism,  
4 humanitarian causes, and love for his family and his  
5 community; and

6 WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Wilfred Reid, presiding elder  
7 of the Northern District of the Chicago Conference of the  
8 African Methodist Episcopal Church, was called home to our  
9 Lord, on August 2, 2001; and

10 WHEREAS, As a community, we mourn his loss, along with  
11 his family, but know in our hearts that he has gone home to  
12 his reward; and

13 WHEREAS, He was renowned as one of the most aspiring and  
14 charismatic ministers within the African Methodist Episcopal  
15 faith, and he was also known as a humble, hardworking man  
16 dedicated to serving people; and

17 WHEREAS, As a graduate of Roosevelt University, Reverend  
18 Reid earned a master's and a doctorate of divinity from  
19 Garrett Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1952; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Reid served as pastor at Grant Memorial  
21 A.M.E. Church, on Chicago's South Side, and also served as  
22 pastor at St. Stephen A.M.E. Church, on Chicago's West Side,  
23 from 1964 to 1985; and

24 WHEREAS, Reverend Reid also built strong congregations at  
25 Bethel A.M.E. Church, in Evanston; Allen Chapel A.M.E.  
26 Church, in Galesburg; and Bethel A.M.E. Church, in Muscatine,  
27 Iowa; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Reid recognized and addressed the needs of  
29 the community throughout his career; and

1           WHEREAS, During his 21 years at St. Stephen A.M.E.  
2 Church, Reverend Reid was the driving force for the  
3 development of St. Stephen Terrace; and

4           WHEREAS, He pushed for an 80-unit senior housing complex  
5 while pastor at Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church; and

6           WHEREAS, His community work included posts outside the  
7 church, including serving as a Chicago Board of Education  
8 member, as president of the Chicago Chapter of Operation  
9 PUSH, as a member of various boards, including the Chicago  
10 Urban League, Martin Luther King Boy's Club, Midwest  
11 Community Council, Chicago City Colleges, Malcolm X College  
12 and DuSable Museum; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Reid's blessings of family were many and his  
14 circle of friends bountiful; and

15           WHEREAS, He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Dr.  
16 Loretta Reid; his sons, Paul and Stephen; his daughters,  
17 Lorna and Patricia; and nine grandchildren; therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we extend our deepest  
20 sympathies to the family of the Reverend Dr. Wilfred Reid;  
21 and be it further

22           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this preamble and  
23 resolution be presented to his family, with our sincere  
24 condolences.