

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Pastor H. Judea Cook I, who passed
4 away May 8, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Cook was born in Varner, Arkansas, on
6 November 5, 1926, to General and Gerilla Cook; he met and
7 married Osa Lee Jones on March 7, 1948; and

8 WHEREAS, Pastor Cook attended Arkansas Baptist College in
9 Little Rock, Arkansas, Jackson Theological Seminary in North
10 Little Rock, Arkansas, the International Bible Institute and
11 Seminary in Orlando, Florida, and Mariet Business College in
12 Oakland, California; his degrees included a Bachelor of
13 Science, a Bachelor of Theology, a Master of Theology, an
14 Honorary Doctorate of Divinity and an Honorary Doctorate of
15 Letters; and

16 WHEREAS, Pastor Cook accepted his call to the ministry in
17 1949, and served as Pastor of the Gideon Missionary Baptist
18 Church of Waukegan since October 1959; and

19 WHEREAS, Pastor Cook's first objective as Pastor at
20 Gideon Missionary Baptist Church was to unify the membership
21 and establish a strong financial base; in 1961, the parsonage
22 for the pastor was purchased; the original location of the
23 church was a small concrete building located at 1001 Indiana
24 Avenue; in April 1965, the ground breaking services were held
25 for the new building located at 1000 Yeoman Street; on
26 January 2, 1972, a new church building became a reality and
27 the first worship service was held; the current address is
28 1500 Ridgeland Avenue; in April 1988, a Christian Education
29 extension was built consisting of a library, offices, and
30 classrooms; additional property was purchased for parking
31 spaces and the sanctuary was remodeled; and

1 WHEREAS, The church has established Christian Education
2 School; the classes include Baptist for Nurture, Leadership
3 Training School certified by the National Baptist Christian
4 Education Congress USA, Inc., departmental Church School,
5 Mission Ministry, Bus Ministry, Tape Ministry, and an
6 Evangelistic Program; and

7 WHEREAS, Pastor Cook has received many awards which
8 included the Harambee Award for Excellence on February 24,
9 1990, from the College of Lake County, Who's Who Among Black
10 Americans Award in 1981 and 1997, a Community Achievement
11 Award from the Reinvestment Council of the First Midwest Bank
12 in Waukegan, a Certificate of Recognition from the Illinois
13 House of Representatives, a Resolution for Services Award
14 from the Waukegan Township, and a Religious Leadership Award
15 from the People's Voice in Waukegan; and

16 WHEREAS, Pastor Cook served as a member of the Sponsoring
17 Committee of the Lake Country Urban League; he was a former
18 member of the Board of Directors of the Lake County Urban
19 League; Pastor Cook was a former member of the Board of
20 Directors of the Lake County NAACP and a lifetime member; he
21 was former Chairman of the Board of Directors for
22 Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC); Pastor Cook
23 formerly served on the Waukegan Township Senior Citizens
24 Service Committee and was a former elected Trustee of the
25 Waukegan Township; he was a former member of the Board of
26 Directors for the Partnership for Health Clinic, a former
27 elected Precinct Committeeman, and served as Chaplain for the
28 Lake County Central Democratic Committee; and

29 WHEREAS, Pastor Cook was the organizer and first
30 President of the North Shore Baptist Ministers Alliance in
31 1962, and later elected to serve another term; he was the
32 former Moderator of the New Fellowship Baptist District
33 Association for seven years, the former Recording Secretary

1 of the United Baptist State Convention of Illinois for 19
2 consecutive years, he served as Vice President at large of
3 the United Baptist State Convention of Illinois for 6 years,
4 was a lifetime member of the National Baptist Convention USA.
5 Inc., and a member of the Board of Directors of that
6 organization; Pastor Cook was a lecturer at the National
7 Baptist Congress of Christian Education for 12 years, he
8 served on the Board of Trustees of the Chicago Baptist
9 Institute, and was a former Chairman of the Board of
10 Directors for the E.C. Morris Institute in Little Rock,
11 Arkansas; Pastor Cook also served as a faculty member at
12 McKinley Theological Seminary at the North Shore Branch in
13 Zion; and

14 WHEREAS, In honor of 40 years of pastorship at the Gideon
15 Missionary Baptist Church, Yeoman Avenue from Glen Flora
16 Avenue to Grand Avenue was additionally named H.J. Cook I
17 Drive and the month of October 1998, was proclaimed Dr. H.J.
18 Cook I Month; and

19 WHEREAS, Pastor Cook travelled to Israel and Egypt; and

20 WHEREAS, Pastor H.J. Cook I will be deeply missed by all
21 those who knew him and loved him, especially his wife of 52
22 years, Sister Osa L. Cook; his five daughters, Rubazene
23 (Malcolm) Cook-Tucker; Carolyn (Donald) Nash, Cecelia
24 Cook-Pryor, Millicent (Levi) Finch, and Veda Cook; his son
25 Haney J., Jr. (Vickie) Cook; his five sisters, Cecil (Jessie)
26 Winters, Juanita Robinson, Jewel Quick, Melanie Shells, and
27 Bennie (Earl) Hall; his two brothers, A.C. Cook and Brady
28 Cook; his mother-in-law, Ollie Jones; his sister-in-law,
29 Doris (Oran) Noflis; his thirty-seven grandchildren; his
30 twenty-two great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces,
31 nephews, other relatives, friends, and the entire Gideon
32 Church Family; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
3 all those who knew him and loved him, the passing of Pastor
4 H.Judea Cook I of Waukegan; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Pastor H. Judea Cook I with our
7 most sincere condolences.