

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of  
3 Illinois learned with regret of the death of John Daniels on  
4 Saturday, August 16, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Daniels was born in Chicago to Walter and  
6 Beatrice Daniels on April 29, 1932; he was raised in the  
7 Morgan Park community where he and his family attended Beth  
8 Eden Baptist Church; he was known as "Redbone" to his family  
9 and enjoyed participating in track and field activities; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Daniels attended John D. Shoop Elementary  
11 School and Chicago Vocational and Morgan Park High Schools;  
12 while at Morgan Park, he had the distinction of being the  
13 first African-American quarterback for "Empheni" Mustangs; he  
14 went on to Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana,  
15 where he completed 2 years of studies; he then pursued his  
16 love of baseball as an "Ace Curve Ball Pitcher" for the  
17 Harlem Globetrotters Minor League Baseball Franchise Team,  
18 the St. Louis Browns; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Daniels valiantly served his country in the  
20 U.S. Army for 2 years; after his honorable discharge, he  
21 married Sarah Louise Reddick on August 21, 1955; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Daniels began his political career as a  
23 precinct captain with the sponsorship of Weldon "D" Ray in  
24 July of 1955; he worked with John J. Duffy and Gerald  
25 Sullivan in the Construction, Maintenance, and Operations  
26 Department under Cook County Commissioner George Dunne and  
27 later under Richard Phelan; he continued his employment as  
28 Director of Financial Control until his retirement in 1993;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, The passing of Mr. Daniels has been deeply felt  
31 by many, especially his wife, Sarah; his daughter, Diane

1 (William) Fulton; his grandsons, Blake and Cameron; his  
2 brother, Floyd (Jeanette) Daniels; his sisters, Paula Evans  
3 and Gwendolyn Traylor; his brothers-in-law, Albert (Joanne)  
4 Reddick, Welton (Ronita) Reddick, Raymond (Sybil) Reddick,  
5 and Melvin (Gloria) Reddick; his aunt, Carrie Colbert; his  
6 uncle, Robert Danielly; his nieces and nephews, Jimmy (Gail),  
7 Walter, Billy (Eunice), Paul, Arthur (Joyce), Tony, Darryl,  
8 Crystal, Larry, Carla (Varsai) Evans, and Ingrid Saunders;  
9 his cousins, Norman, Gerald, Louise, Ann, Betty, Rudolph, and  
10 Calvin; his extended family, the Daniellys, Callaways,  
11 Phillips, Murchisons, Arterbridges, Mitchells, Fladgers,  
12 Reddicks, Robertsons, Culleys, Woltzs, Hardys, McMullens,  
13 Fultons; and many other relatives and friends; therefore, be  
14 it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing  
17 of John Daniels and extend our sincerest condolences to his  
18 friends, family, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of John Daniels as an expression of  
22 our deepest sympathy during their time of bereavement.