

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of  
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Arthur Boyd,  
4 Jr. of Batavia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd was known as a trailblazer who was  
6 dedicated to making Batavia a stronger community; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd served on the city council from 1969 to  
8 1989 and he was the first black alderman in Batavia, as well  
9 as Kane County; and

10 WHEREAS, During his five terms on the council, he worked  
11 to upgrade 4th Ward streets, championed open-housing policies  
12 and was a major supporter of the city's decision to purchase  
13 the building that became the Batavia Government Center; he  
14 was noted for an exemplary attendance record at council and  
15 committee meetings; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd served as the chairman of the Public  
17 Safety Committee and was instrumental in the decision to  
18 place the West Side Fire Station near Batavia High School;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd's passing will be deeply felt by many,  
21 especially his wife, Marian; his sons, Arthur Boyd III and  
22 Jeffery Boyd; and five grandsons; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing  
25 of Arthur Boyd Jr. along with all who knew and loved him and  
26 extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and  
27 be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
29 presented to the family of Arthur Boyd, Jr. as an expression  
30 of our deepest sympathy.