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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Gerald Dwayne Green of Beach Park, who passed away on December 27, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Dwayne Green was born September 18, 1961; his parents were Thomas and Elizabeth Green; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Green was beloved by generations of Waukegan students whose lives he touched as a District Administrator and as "Coach Green" in the Athletic Department's football, and track and field teams; Gerald Green graduated from Waukegan West High School in 1979, having attained elite status as an All-American athlete in both football and in track and field; he was listed as an outstanding high school student in the Streets & Smith Who's Who for high school athletes; he also held the State of Illinois record for high school shot-put distance; and

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WHEREAS, After his graduation, Gerald attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison on a Football Scholarship, and gained recognition as a Division I fullback; upon leaving the University of Wisconsin, Gerald furthered his football career with teams in the National Football League, the Canadian Football League, and the United States Football League, before

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1 returning to his roots in Waukegan; and

2 WHEREAS, Gerald Green dedicated his post-football career
3 to the betterment of Waukegan school students; "Coach Green"
4 will be sadly missed by the many current and former students he
5 left behind; and

6 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth
7 Green; and his grandparents, Earnest Green and Arvella Thomas;
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9 WHEREAS, The death of Gerald Green is deeply felt by his
10 wife, Melissa, and his young children, Payton and Savannah; his
11 father, Thomas Green; his brothers, Jeffrey (Charita), and
12 Thomas; his nephew Corey; and his nieces, Chrishelda and
13 Carnese; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
16 his family and friends, the passing of Gerald Green; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Gerald Green as a symbol of our
20 sympathy.