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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 John Allen of Chicago and Country Club Hills, who passed away on June 5, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on January 6 1935 to Earnest Allen and Mary Barnes in Magnolia, Mississippi; he was affectionately called "Johnnie Boy"; and

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WHEREAS, He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Rose Hill Baptist Church in Magnolia; he later joined Metropolitan Baptist Church in Chicago and Friendship Baptist Church; he later relocated to Country Club Hills and joined Great Hope Baptist Missionary Church under the leadership of Pastor Walter L. Cook; he served as Chairman of the Deacon Board, Chairman of the Sick Committee, and as an usher; and

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WHEREAS, He was educated in the Pike County, Mississippi school system; he received his Machinist certificate from Triton College in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, He and Christine Cook were married in 1952 and were blessed with 7 children; and

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1           WHEREAS, He was a machine operator for 44 years at the Pyle  
2 National Company, retiring in 1977; and

3           WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his  
4 sister, Martha; his grandchild, Quintin; and his  
5 great-grandchild, Donovan; and

6           WHEREAS, John Allen is survived by his loving wife,  
7 Christine; his daughters, Carolyn (Leon) Melton, Jacqueline  
8 Ernestine, Cynthia (Michael Griffin), and Brenda; his sons,  
9 James and Andre; his 11 grandchildren; his 24  
10 great-grandchildren; his 5 great-great-grandchildren; his  
11 sisters, Octavia Cook, Beatrice Richards, and Etta Ruth  
12 Delaney; his brothers-in-law, Pastor Walter, Albert, and  
13 Reverend Charles Cook; his sisters-in-law, Juanita Tucker and  
14 Annie Cook; his devoted nephews, Lessie and Clinton Richards;  
15 his family at South Suburban Hospital that cared for him; and a  
16 host of relatives and friends; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
19 his family and friends, the passing of John Allen; and be it  
20 further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of John Allen as a symbol of our

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1 sincere sympathy.