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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 Khaldun "Khal" Everage of Chicago, who passed away on June 5, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Khaldun Everage was born in Chicago on June 12, 1970 to the union of Alonza and Delma Everage, both educators in the Chicago Public School System; he grew up at God's House of All Nations Church of God in Christ, where he sang in the choir and got into trouble with his brother Scott and his buddies Phil and Jason; he later united with the New Original Church of God in Christ and at the time of his passing he was an active member of Giant Steps International Church, where he served as the Chairman of the Men's Ministry; and

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WHEREAS, After high school, Khaldun joined the United States Marine Corps and honorably served 2 tours in Saudi Arabia in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; he received a Conduct Award, 2 awards for meritorious service, and several other awards for combat; after his tour of duty he attended Chicago State University and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice; he was working toward receiving his Master's Degree at Northeastern University; and

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WHEREAS, On July 25, 1998, Khaldun married the love of his

1 life, Dina Linne McReynolds; he was a loving and devoted
2 husband and father and valued his family over anything else;
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4 WHEREAS, He helped pilot the Chicago Police Department's
5 Juvenile Gang Intervention Partnership Program; he was an
6 Investigator with Chicago's Office of Professional Standards
7 and received his Gang Specialist Certification from the
8 National Gang Crime Research Center; he was honored on the
9 national level with the prestigious Frederick Thrasher Gang
10 Intervention Award for his work in Chicago; last year he was
11 honored as an "Everyday Hero" by groups including the Chicago
12 Urban League; and

13 WHEREAS, After leaving the Chicago Police Department, he
14 became the Project Manager and Gang Specialist for the Chicago
15 Crime Commission; from 2002 until the time of his passing, he
16 worked with the Chicago Public Schools, serving in the
17 following capacities: National Safe and Drug Free Schools
18 Coordinator in the Office of Specialized Services; Student
19 Development Specialist in the Office of High School Programs;
20 Regional Safety Facilitator in a partnership with the Bureau of
21 Safety and Security and the Business Service Center; and as the
22 Manager of Student Engagement and Community Outreach; and

23 WHEREAS, He was known throughout Chicago as the "go to"

1 person for any youth related problems; he freely gave of his
2 time and service to help children in times of crisis; his
3 favorite expressions were "Make a great thing happen today" and
4 "I'll see you at the top!"; and

5 WHEREAS, He was the Vice President of the Board of the
6 Chicago State University Alumni Association, a Life Member of
7 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, and the President of the Fire
8 House Community Arts Center Board; and

9 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his mother, Delma
10 Priest; and

11 WHEREAS, Khaldun "Khal" Everage is survived by his wife,
12 Dina Linne; his children, Khylah Imani and Khalil Solomon; his
13 father, Alonza Everage (Ruby); his brothers, Justin Everage and
14 Scott Priest; his sisters, Tiffany Everage and Sameta Neal
15 (Ronald Sr.); his best friend, Al Holman; his uncles; his
16 aunts; his niece; his nephew; and his many cousins; therefore,
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 his family and friends, the passing of Khaldun "Khal" Everage;
21 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Khaldun "Khal" Everage as a symbol
3 of our sincere sympathy.