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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 Hurley L. Green, who passed away on November 1, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Hurley Green was born on April 13, 1927, in Beaumont, Texas; his parents were Atlena and Hurley Green; and

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WHEREAS, Hurley Green moved to Chicago with his mother as a young man; he graduated from Burke Elementary School and DuSable High School, where he met his high school sweetheart and wife of 57 years, Thelma Mills Green; he subsequently graduated from Wilson Junior College and completed his higher education at Columbia College; and

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WHEREAS, Hurley Green served his country with pride as a member of the United States Air Force; he was honorably discharged from the service in 1948; and

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WHEREAS, One of young Hurley Green's goals in life was to buy a home for his family; after several stops on their journey to homeownership, he and his family moved into their first home on 73rd and Halsted in 1963; the family ultimately moved into a "gingerbread house" on 76th and Euclid, which was purchased in 1966; and

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1           WHEREAS, Hurley Green began his long and storied career in  
2 journalism during the 1970s; in addition to becoming the  
3 publisher of the Bulletin Newspapers, he became the host of  
4 "Issues Unlimited", a historic television show that became a  
5 fixture on WGN Channel 9 on Sunday mornings for 3 years; the  
6 well-rated TV program featured him moderating a blue-ribbon  
7 panel of city media representatives and interviewing local and  
8 national newsmakers of the day; his weekly show introduced  
9 Chicago viewers to many political and social activists of the  
10 day; he also served as the author of the weekly Page 4  
11 "Shifting Scenes" column in the Bulletin Newspapers; and

12           WHEREAS, Hurley Green was a fixture of his community and  
13 made many local and national connections, exercising influence  
14 in both political parties and in the entertainment and sports  
15 worlds; his circle of associates included both Mayor Daleys,  
16 both of Chicago's African-American mayors, Mayor Harold  
17 Washington and Mayor Eugene Sawyer, all of the Southside  
18 aldermen and committeemen, Julian Bond, Rev. Ralph D.  
19 Abernathy, James Compton, Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, and Rev.  
20 Martin Luther King; and

21           WHEREAS, Hurley Green was the recipient of numerous honors,  
22 awards, and recognitions by local and national organizations  
23 for his contributions as a citizen, community servant, and

1 newspaper publisher; and

2 WHEREAS, Hurley Green was preceded in death by his loving  
3 wife, Thelma; and

4 WHEREAS, Hurley Green is survived by his sons, Hurley III  
5 and Lee J. Green; his grandchildren, Jason, Jamal, and Nicole;  
6 his great-grandson, Sidney; and his countless friends,  
7 associates, and weekly readers; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
10 his family and friends, the passing of Hurley L. Green; and be  
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Hurley Green as an expression of our  
14 sympathy.