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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 former Illinois State Representative Eugene "Gene" Moore; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Moore was born on July 19, 1942 in Baltzer, Mississippi; his parents were Sarah Ella ("SE") Burrell and Joseph Moore; his family moved to Maywood when he was at an early age; he joined the Second Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Robert Hayden, where he confessed his life to Christ and was baptized; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Moore attended Washington Elementary School and graduated from Proviso Township High School in 1960; he received a football scholarship and attended Otero College in Colorado; after suffering an injury which shortened his college and professional football career aspirations, he returned home to Maywood and was employed at the American Can Company; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Moore worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance (MetLife) for many years; in 1988, he ran for Commissioner of the Proviso Township Board of Trustees; he was the only candidate on his ticket that won; in 1992, he ran for State Representative of the 7th District and won by a

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1 landslide; in January of 1993, he was sworn into office as the
2 first African-American to represent the District; during his
3 tenure, he introduced, sponsored, and co-sponsored many House
4 Bills that had an impact on his district and improved the
5 quality of life for its residents; he also served two terms as
6 the Proviso Township Democratic Committeeman; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1999, Eugene Moore was appointed to serve as
8 Cook County Recorder of Deeds; when his appointed term ended,
9 he ran for the office and won by a landslide; during his tenure
10 as Recorder of Deeds, he brought many innovative changes and
11 updated the technology of the office, bringing the Recorder's
12 office into the 21st century; he also created the Property
13 Fraud Unit, which brought together the Cook County State's
14 Attorney, the FBI, and the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit
15 Court, and brought awareness of property theft and fraud to the
16 property owners of Cook County; he served Cook County in this
17 capacity until he retired in November 2012; and

18 WHEREAS, Eugene Moore served as a coach and on numerous
19 boards, including those of the Boys and Girls Club of West Cook
20 County, the Proviso-Leyden Council on Community Action, John C.
21 Vaughn's Scholarship Fund, Inc., and the Community Economic
22 Development Association; and

23 WHEREAS, Eugene Moore loved Proviso Township and being a

1 Proviso East Pirate; he attended countless games and student
2 activities at Proviso Township High School, sponsored many
3 student trips, and donated to Proviso Township community
4 organizations; and

5 WHEREAS, Eugene Moore is preceded in death by his parents
6 and his sibling, Alice; and

7 WHEREAS, Eugene Moore is survived by his children, DaWanna
8 (Omar), Natalie, and Eric Moore; his siblings, Barbara
9 (Michael), Anise, Freddie, and Michael (Deborah); his
10 grandchildren, Johnnie, Chase, Jelissa, Darius, Jenise, and
11 Cheyenne; his great-grandchildren, NeVaehiza, Nyla, Marquise,
12 and Nylin; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
16 family and friends, mourn the passing of former Illinois State
17 Representative Eugene "Gene" Moore; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Eugene Moore as an expression of our
20 sympathy.