



***A Tribute Resolution Honoring the Illinois State University  
Service and Commitment of the late Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr.***

- WHEREAS**, Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr. of Normal, Illinois, passed from this life on August 11, 2024, and
- WHEREAS**, Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr. was, in 1966, the first African American tenured professor in the Department of Mathematics at Illinois State University, and
- WHEREAS**, Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr. was Associate Professor of Mathematics at Illinois State University, and
- WHEREAS**, Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr. held the position of Vice President of Administrative Services, and
- WHEREAS**, Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr. accepted the position of Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs with the Illinois Board of Regents, and
- WHEREAS**, Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr. was elected as chair of the Academic Senate at Illinois State University when it was established in 1970, and
- WHEREAS**, Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr. had oversight of the Ewing Museum of Nations, and
- WHEREAS**, Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr. was a part of a team that purchased housing for African American Illinois State University students, and
- WHEREAS**, Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr., in 1984, assisted Illinois State University students in chartering the Nu Psi Lambda alumni chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, and
- WHEREAS**, Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr. donated books and pictures to the Illinois State University Multi-Cultural Center library to continue to learn and research African American history, and
- WHEREAS**, Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr. was the Coordinator of SIMaST (Students Integrating Mathematics, Science, and Technology), and
- WHEREAS**, Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr. was the Senior Associate for the Study of Education Policy, Illinois State University and President and Consultant of CEM Associates, Inc,
- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Academic Senate of Illinois State University, on behalf of its members:

1. Honors Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr., for his tireless commitment and service to Illinois State University;
2. Honors Dr. Morris for his steady hand and leadership of the Academic Senate as its inaugural chair from 1970-1972. He led the Senate's response to civil unrest in May 1970, including responses to the famous flag-pole protest and other incidents that were related to the Kent State massacre and civil unrest of the time;
3. Expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Charles E. Morris, Jr. for his many contributions to success of the Department of Mathematics, STEM, Academic and Student Affairs, the Multi-Cultural Center, SIMaST, and all the Illinois State University lives he impacted in a positive way.

*Adopted by the Academic Senate of Illinois State University on 08-28-2024*