

## 2007 SENATE RESOLUTION 21

February 27, 2008 – Introduced by Senators COGGS, TAYLOR, CARPENTER, LASSA and ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** the life and public service of Assemblyman Lucien Palmer.

2             Whereas, Assemblyman Lucien Palmer became the first African-American  
3     elected to the Wisconsin legislature with his election to the state assembly in 1906,  
4     where he served a single term; and

5             Whereas, Assemblyman Lucien Palmer was a resort manager and hotel  
6     steward in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, prior to his election and his election resonated  
7     beyond Milwaukee and Wisconsin with articles showing up in other newspapers in  
8     cities such as Chicago, Illinois; and

9             Whereas, Assemblyman Lucien Palmer continued to have been the only  
10    African-American elected to the legislature until the election in 1944 of  
11    Assemblyman Le Roy J. Simmons to the state assembly; and

12            Whereas, after Lucien Palmer's and Le Roy Simmons' elections, the state of  
13    Wisconsin began a continuous string of representation by at least one  
14    African-American in each legislative session since; and

