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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

