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**Clerk Dorothy Brown Congratulates Roland Burris
On Senatorial Appointment**

Brown Urges Senator Burris to Focus on Rebuilding America's Financial Future

(CHICAGO) — The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, issued the following statement today upon the swearing in of Roland Burris as the U.S. Senator from Illinois.

“It is my great pleasure to congratulate Roland Burris on this most special and well deserved appointment. His tenacity, leadership and work ethic continue to inspire us. Few individuals have achieved Burris’ level of accomplishments in public service. He has done an outstanding job of serving the citizens of Illinois. As the first elected African-American to a statewide office, Mr. Burris was a competent State Comptroller for twelve years from 1979 – 1991, and an equally accomplished Attorney General for four years from 1991 - 1995. His appointment as U.S. Senator is a fitting position for someone who has worked hard and provided excellent service to the state. I am proud to acknowledge him as the Junior Senator from Illinois.”

“Mr. Burris is a true political trailblazer who well deserves our respect and gratitude. With his appointment, Illinois will have the necessary representation of two Senators, which is extremely important, especially during these harsh economic times.”

“Burris’s new position as Senator recognizes both his commitment and service, while elevating him to a level of leadership that will tap his substantial abilities. As our nation confronts the issues of high unemployment, a bleak economy along with the mortgage foreclosures and credit crises, it is my hope that as Senator, Mr. Burris will focus on rebuilding the country’s financial future and assist the new administration in creating employment opportunities for Americans.”

I extend my best wishes for Mr. Burris’ future success in his new appointment.

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