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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 Sterling D. Grandberry of Oak Park, who passed away on October 28, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Sterling Grandberry was born in Macon, Tennessee to A.D. and Norsie (Hunter) Grandberry on June 7, 1933; he was raised in Chicago by the late Jasper and Lottie Parrish and attended Chicago Public Schools; he graduated from Manley High School and then served in the United States Army as a Head Chef during the Korean War, until his honorable discharge in December 1956; he married Ethel Lee Gillerson and, after her death, married Debra Mabone; and

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WHEREAS, Sterling Grandberry worked as the Head Chef at Henrici's Restaurant in the 1950s; during this time, he also owned and operated a television repair shop; he was the owner of G&E Restaurants and also managed many Chicagoland rental properties; and

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WHEREAS, Sterling Grandberry served on the Board of the Pyramid West Development Corporation for 21 years, an agency that managed rehabbed housing units and employed many people in need of assistance; he was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church in Chicago for over 70 years; he served as a member of

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1 the Beautifying Club, as a Trustee, as a Layman, and as an  
2 ordained Deacon; he also took great pride in working in the  
3 church kitchen preparing and serving recipes "made from  
4 scratch"; and

5 WHEREAS, Sterling Grandberry was known as a  
6 jack-of-all-trades; he was driven and determined; he will be  
7 remembered as a great provider, protector, and someone who  
8 could be counted on by family, friends, and strangers alike;  
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10 WHEREAS, Sterling Grandberry was preceded in death by his  
11 parents; and his first wife, Ethel; and

12 WHEREAS, Sterling Grandberry is survived by his wife, Debra  
13 Mabone-Grandberry; his children, Sharon Sims, Steve  
14 Grandberry, Mary Grandberry, Katia (Benjamin) Wolff, and his  
15 special Godson, Reverend Marlon (Felicia) Winfrey; his  
16 grandchildren, Madison Grandberry and Natalee Sims; his  
17 siblings, Josie (Arthur) Leniear, Katie (James) Jordan, and  
18 Thomas, A.D., and J.B. Grandberry; and his many nieces and  
19 nephews; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
22 Sterling D. Grandberry and extend our sincere condolences to

1 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
2 further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of Sterling Grandberry as an expression  
5 of our deepest sympathy.