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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 Sammie L. Garrett Parker of North Chicago, who passed away on August 28, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Sammie Parker was born in Pontotoc, Mississippi to John and Freddie Garrett on September 2, 1930; she was a member of Mt. Nebo Methodist Church in Pontotoc, where she participated in the Children's Choir and was a Leader and Sunday School Teacher; she attended Mississippi Industrial College in Holly Springs, Mississippi and married Andrew Galloway; after his passing, she married John L. Parker; she moved to North Chicago in 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Sammie Parker was employed by the Downey Veteran Administration Hospital in Lake County; she retired in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, In retirement, Sammie Parker turned her interest to her community; she volunteered for Meals-On-Wheels and was an active member of the Lake County Community Choir, ministering in song to area nursing homes; she was known for showing compassion and personally meeting the needs of others by providing financial support, transportation, and shopping assistance; she was also a member of the Quarter Century Club

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1 and served as a Lake County election judge for many years; and

2 WHEREAS, Sammie Parker was a member of Mt. Sinai
3 Institutional Baptist Church, where she served for 63 years;
4 she was involved with the Young Matrons, Ruth Circle, and the
5 Vacation Bible School; she served as Children's Sunday School
6 Teacher and was a member and vice president of the Mother's
7 Ministry and president of the Senior Choir; she was also a
8 member and treasurer of the Lake County Chapter of Church Women
9 United; and

10 WHEREAS, Sammie Parker was preceded in death by her
11 parents; her husbands, Andrew Galloway and John L. Parker; her
12 son, Jon L. Parker Jr.; her brothers, Robert, Lee, Shelby,
13 Otis, George, Myron, and John Garrett; her sisters, Clara
14 Hillman, Idella Hollis, Mary Austin, and Frankie Stewart; her
15 grandson, David E. Brewton; and her great-granddaughter, Ivy
16 Marie Sanchez White; and

17 WHEREAS, Sammie Parker is survived by her daughters, Jo
18 Anne (Ernest) Brewton and Myrtle (James) White; her
19 daughter-in-law, Carolyn Parker; her brother-in-law, Charles
20 (Verna) Parker; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren;
21 numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; and her
22 special nieces, Ernestine Dave, Vanise McGill, Ruby Williams,
23 Jaqueline Garrett-Parsons, and Zen Owens; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Sammie L. Garrett Parker and extend our sincere condolences to
4 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Sammie Parker as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.