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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 Zelma Marble Sims Parker of Waukegan, who passed away on March 17, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, She was born August 6, 1947 in Waukegan, to the late Essie Mae Glover-Duty and Melvin Sims Sr.; she accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Shiloh Baptist Church of Waukegan; and

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WHEREAS, She received her education through the North Chicago Public School System; she worked at various places, including Abbott Laboratories, and provided in-home Child Care; and

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WHEREAS, In August of 1996, she married Rodney Parker; and

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WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents; a sister, Gloria Duty Woods; several aunts; uncles; and cousins; and

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WHEREAS, Zelma Parker is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Rodney Parker; her daughter, Valerie (Mark) Carter; one granddaughter, Candace Carter; her stepson, Rodney Parker Jr.; her stepdaughter, Sytoria Parker; her step-grandson,

1 A'yonn Parker; her sisters, Francine Duty-Jones and Patricia  
2 (Jarrett) Taylor; her brother, Melvin (Krista) Sims; her  
3 mother-in-law, Eddie Mae Parker; her sisters-in-law, Ida  
4 Cowin, Willie Jean Tilton, and Sabrina Parker; her  
5 brothers-in-law, James Woods and Willie (Fannie) Parker; her  
6 aunt, Louise Sims; her uncle, James "Buddy" Pruitt; her 5  
7 godchildren, Andre Shaw, Pamela Stith, Jamal Foster, Mary Jude,  
8 and Christopher Jude; her oldest and dear friend, Ophelia  
9 Foster; and a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins,  
10 extended family, and friends; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
13 her family and friends, the passing of Zelma Marble Sims  
14 Parker; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Zelma Marble Sims Parker as a symbol  
17 of our sincere sympathy.