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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Melva Jean Halbert; and

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WHEREAS, Melva Halbert was born in Laurel, Mississippi to
5 Althea (McCullom) and Homer McGee in January of 1935; she
6 received her education in Mississippi before moving to Chicago;
7 she married L.J. Halbert on September 11, 1954; she attended
8 St. Mary's Teaching College Center for Learning and Malcolm X
9 College; and

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WHEREAS, Melva Halbert began her career as a crossing guard
11 with the Chicago Police Department; she then moved to the
12 Chicago Board of Education and worked at various elementary
13 schools and Lakeview High School; she worked for the Chicago
14 Board of Education for 27 years before retiring in 1998; she
15 received several Chicago Board of Education commendations and
16 proclamations for her excellent work; and

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WHEREAS, Melva Halbert served as both board member and
18 general member on several community organizations, including
19 the Menard Block Club, the Association for a Better Austin, and
20 the Menard Avenue Neighborhood Watch Program; she was an active
21 member of the Stone Temple Missionary Baptist Church, where she
22 participated in the gospel choir, adult Bible class, and other

1 ministries; and

2 WHEREAS, Melva Halbert always provided her time,
3 experience, knowledge, and concern to those who were in need;
4 she was known as one of the great cooks in the family; and

5 WHEREAS, Melva Halbert was preceded in death by her husband
6 of 63 years, L.J. Halbert; her son, Jerome Halbert (Georgette);
7 her grandchild, Kristen Nicole Halbert; her siblings, Ora
8 McGavock, Verdell McGee, Grace Pruitt, Eddie McGee, and Charles
9 McGee; and her parents; and

10 WHEREAS, Melva Halbert is survived by her daughter, Debra
11 Patrice Elizabeth Halbert Evans (Willard); her son, Michael
12 Anthony Peter Halbert (Victoria); her grandchildren, Patrice
13 Imani Evans, Willard Samuel Evans III, and Paris Elizabeth
14 Halbert; her siblings, Leedale McGee, Cozen Quince, Joyce
15 Wilburn, and Drucilla Woods; her sister-in-law, Dessie Amos;
16 her brother-in-law, Charles Halbert Sr.; and numerous extended
17 relatives and friends; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Melva Jean Halbert, and extend our sincere condolences to her
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Melva Halbert as an expression of
3 our deepest sympathy.