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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Jeffrey Long, who passed away on January 3, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Jeffrey Long was born on his mother's birthday, November 6, 1951, in Waukegan to Walter and Pearl Glover Long; and

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WHEREAS, He grew up in North Chicago, where he attended South School, North School, and North Chicago Community High School; he then attended Jackson State University, Fox Valley Technical College, and the Hollywood School of Cosmetology, where he graduated with honors; and

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WHEREAS, Jeffrey Long was baptized at First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church and became active in his church; he was blessed with a beautiful voice and was a member of the Inspirational Choir, Voices for Corinthian, and the Men's Chorus; he participated yearly in the renowned local Easter Passion Play, "He Decided to Die"; and he performed with many local groups and enjoyed using his gift to bring joy to everyone who went to hear him; and

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WHEREAS, Jeffrey Long joined the United States Army and served in Vietnam in the early 1970s; he was injured and received an honorable discharge; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Long was a cosmetologist/stylist for many years in California and Lake County; his career started in Hollywood, where he served as a representative for several name brand hair products; he entered many hairstyle competitions and was chosen "Top Stylist" in all of them; he was a National Hairstylist and developed the "2" comb freeze wave; he continued his career in Lake County working at several local

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1 beauty salons for the past 25 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Long was preceded in death by his father,
3 Walter Long Sr.; his brothers, Moses, Walter, Jr., Thomas, and
4 James; his paternal grandparents, Walter and Hallie (Griffin)
5 Long; and his maternal grandparents, Moses and Zella (Garrett)
6 Glover; and

7 WHEREAS, The passing of Jeffrey Long will be felt by all
8 who knew and loved him, especially his daughter, Ruthellis
9 Lockett; his son, Martell Cotton; his grandchildren, Darcy,
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11 sisters, Etties Mitchell and Gwen Long-Beckwith; his nephews,
12 Dirck Mitchell Sr., Kwame Salaam, and Kobie Long; his nieces
13 Leisa Mitchell, Kelly Long, Marla (Paul) Helseth, Dara (Greg)
14 Griffin, and Nia Beckwith; his great-nephews, Rahman Mitchell,
15 Dirck Mitchell Jr., Elijah Griffin, and Noah Griffin; his
16 great-great-nephew, Stephon Mitchell; his uncles, Lester Long
17 Sr. and Willoby Long; his aunts, Mattie Glover, Gracie Long,
18 and Dolly Coleman; his dear sister-in-law, Priscilla Holiday;
19 and a loving host of relatives and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
22 all who knew and loved him, the death of Jeffrey Long; and be
23 it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to the family of Jeffrey Long as an expression of our
26 deepest sympathy for their loss.