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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 Gertrude "Cookie" Wright of Chicago, who passed away on June 8, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Gertrude "Cookie" Wright was born March 21, 1942 in Woodstock, Tennessee to the late Jack and Susie Rodgers; she was baptized at an early age at the Campbell Chapel AME Church of Woodstock where she sang in the choir with many of her immediate family members; she graduated from Woodstock High School where she was also crowned Miss Woodstock High School during her senior year; and

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WHEREAS, Gertrude Wright later moved to Chicago, where she graduated from Olive Harvey College Nursing School with a Registered Nursing degree; she worked as a nurse at the Hyde Park Hospital of Chicago; she also provided private duty nursing for seniors; she later joined the Sure-Way Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago where she served faithfully within the women's ministry; and

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WHEREAS, Gertrude Wright was the first person in her immediate family to be elected to public office; she was elected to two four-year terms as a member of the local school council in Chicago and was instrumental in the election

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1 victories of the late Mayor of Chicago Harold Washington and
2 current Illinois Senate President Emil Jones Jr.; and

3 WHEREAS, Gertrude Wright was preceded in death by her
4 parents and her loving sister, Bobbie Jean Carpenter; and

5 WHEREAS, Gertrude H. Wright is survived by her husband,
6 Malvin Wright; her sons, Sean Tere (Kathy) Howard and Otheius
7 B. Wright; her sisters, Charlie (Mack) Reed, LaVerne (Ezell)
8 Williams, Cecil (Alonzo) Mitchell, Bishop Bettye (Neasbie)
9 Alston, and Shirley R. Hill; her brothers, Jackie Ray (Nellie)
10 Rodgers and Jessie L. Rodgers; and her eight grandchildren;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 her family and friends, the passing of Gertrude H. "Cookie"
15 Wright; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Gertrude "Cookie" Wright as a symbol
18 of our sympathy.