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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 longtime State Representative Wyvetter Younge of East St. Louis, who passed away on December 26, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Wyvetter Younge was one of the longest-serving current members of the Illinois House of Representatives; she was born and raised in East St. Louis; she took office in 1975, worked tirelessly on behalf of her constituents, and believed strongly in her community; and

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WHEREAS, She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Hampton Institute; her Juris Doctor from the St. Louis University School of Law; and her L.L.M. from the Washington University School of Law; and

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WHEREAS, She was a staunch believer in education and economic development, fighting hard to keep the State community college in East St. Louis; she fought to make certain that the Casino Queen would be in East St. Louis; and she fought for any cause that would help her district; and

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WHEREAS, She represented House District 114, which includes some of the poorest communities in the metro-east and

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1 some of the wealthiest; the district covers Alorton, Brooklyn,
2 Centreville, East St. Louis, Scott Air Force Base, Shiloh,
3 Washington Park, and parts of Belleville, Cahokia, Fairview
4 Heights, Mascoutah, Millstadt, Swansea, Venice, and O'Fallon
5 south of State Street; and

6 WHEREAS, She served on the Committee on
7 Appropriations-Elementary and Secondary Education; Gaming;
8 Housing and Urban Development; Least Cost Power Procurement;
9 and Renewable Energy; and

10 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard
11 Younge; her daughter, Ruth; and her sister, Cecile Edwards; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Wyvetter Younge is survived by her
13 sons, Richard Younge Jr., Torque Younge, and Roland Younge; her
14 daughter, Margaret Hewitt; her sister, Ruth Hill; her brothers,
15 Roscoe Hoover and Herbert Hoover; and many friends and
16 constituents; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
19 her friends, family, and constituents, the passing of a truly
20 caring individual, State Representative Wyvetter Younge; and
21 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of State Representative Wyvetter Younge
3 as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.