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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 Geraldine (Hamilton) McCullough of Oak Park, who passed away on December 15, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Geraldine McCullough was born in Mason County, Arkansas; she spent her formative years in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Geraldine McCullough graduated from The Art Institute of Chicago with a Bachelor and Master of Arts Degree in Painting and Art Education; she went on to teach in the Chicago Public Schools and served as Chairman of the Art Department for twelve years at Rosary College (now Dominican University) in River Forest; she received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Dominican University after her retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Geraldine McCullough's work is exhibited at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C., the National Women's Museum in Washington D.C., and many other galleries and museums; in 1965, she received the George D. Widener Gold Medal for sculpting for her mixed-metal sculpture, entitled Phoenix; in 2000, she was presented the Oak Park Area Arts Council's Joseph Randall Shapiro Award, an award given annually in recognition of "exceptional contributions to the Arts"; and

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1           WHEREAS, Geraldine McCullough served on the Oak Park Public  
2 Art Committee and was an active chartered member in the West  
3 Towns Chapter of The Links, Inc.; she was also a platinum  
4 member of the Chicago Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority;  
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6           WHEREAS, Geraldine McCullough was preceded in death by her  
7 loving husband, Lester W. McCullough, Sr.; and

8           WHEREAS, Geraldine McCullough is survived by her loving  
9 son, Lester 'Skip' McCullough, Jr. and his wife, Mary; her  
10 grandchildren, Scott and Kimberly; her sisters, Hazel  
11 Collymore and Gladys (William) Davis; her brothers, Charles  
12 Hamilton and Nathaniel (Joann) Hamilton; and her many nieces,  
13 nephews, other family members, and friends; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
16 her family and friends, the passing of Geraldine McCullough;  
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18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Geraldine McCullough as an  
20 expression of our sympathy.