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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Wanda Patricia Simmons Raymond, who passed away on September 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Raymond was born on June 27, 1944 in Chicago; her parents were Albert and Arnetta Simmons; she married Louis Raymond, Sr. on June 15, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Raymond was a lifelong resident of Chicago; she graduated from Englewood High School in 1963; in high school, she participated in pageants and was a member of the swim team and the camera club; in 1973, she earned her bachelor's degree from Chicago State University; she subsequently earned her master's degree from Chicago State University in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Early in her career, Wanda Raymond worked as a recreational specialist with the Chicago Park District; in 1973, she became a physical educator with the Chicago Public School District; during her tenure, she taught first aid and CPR, served as a lifeguard and water safety instructor, and developed and implemented a camping program; she also coached swimming, track, basketball, volleyball, and golf at Thomas Kelly, Benito Juarez, and William Rainey Harper High Schools;

1 Wanda retired from Chicago Public Schools in 2008, after 25
2 years of diligent and dedicated service; and

3 WHEREAS, Wanda Raymond was ordained a minister in the
4 Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) and was a faithful and active
5 member of Langley Avenue Church of God; she loved the Lord and
6 served him with diligence in ministry for over 40 years; she
7 served on numerous local and national boards within the Church
8 of God denomination, including the Dean of Church of God
9 Chicagoland Ministers and the Westmiddlesex Campground Board;
10 she was also a Sunday School Superintendent, a Youth Minister
11 at Vernon Park Church of God, a Minister at 44th Street Church
12 of God, and a vacation bible school organizer at Langely Avenue
13 Church of God; and

14 WHEREAS, Wanda Raymond enjoyed arts and crafts, physical
15 activities, canoeing, swimming, camping, and volunteering; and

16 WHEREAS, Wanda Raymond was preceded in death by her parents
17 and her brother, Albert Simmons, Jr.; and

18 WHEREAS, Wanda Raymond is survived by her husband, Louis
19 Raymond; her son, Louis Raymond (Lauren); her grandson, Louis
20 Charles Raymond III; her sister, Prezella (Robert) Blair; her
21 brothers, Samuel (Rosa) Simmons, Donald (Thelma-Jean) Simmons,
22 Garland (Cookie) Simmons, Stanford (Beverly) Simmons, and John

1 Simmons; her sister-in-laws, Verna (Montgomery) Hayes, Barbara
2 Young, and Tertha Durman; her brothers-in-law, Tony Raymond,
3 Charles Raymond, and Clyde Raymond; and her many nieces,
4 nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
7 family and friends, mourn the passing of Wanda Patricia Simmons
8 Raymond; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Wanda Raymond as an expression of
11 our sympathy.