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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Thornal "T" Gilbert Washington; and

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WHEREAS, Thornal Washington was born on May 28, 1924 in
5 Texarkana, Texas; his parents were Jessie and Ella Washington;
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WHEREAS, Thornal Washington was a graduate of Dunbar High
8 School in Texarkana, Texas and earned his bachelor's degree
9 from Governors State University; and

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WHEREAS, Thornal Washington united with the Calvary
11 Baptist Church in Chicago Heights under the leadership of the
12 late pastor J. Gentry Horace; he was a member and Chairman of
13 the church's Trustee Board for 35 years; and

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WHEREAS, Thornal Washington was employed by the State of
15 Illinois for 50 years; he organized the Chicago Heights
16 Community Center at the request of Governor Jim Thompson; in
17 1960, he organized and established the Chicago Heights
18 Community Youth Committee; from 1968 to 1973, he served as a
19 community service worker for the Department of Corrections
20 Juvenile Division; in 1974, he served as liaison for Bloom,
21 Thornton, and Rich High Schools to address the issues of

1 student unrest, drugs, vandalism, and assault; and

2 WHEREAS, Thornal Washington was a member of numerous civic
3 organizations, including the Chicago Heights Improvement
4 Association, the advisory board for Girl Scout Troop 621, the
5 Chicago Heights Planning Commission, the Chicago Heights
6 Community Choir, and the South Suburban Law and Order
7 Committee; he also worked with Jesse Owens in sponsoring a
8 program called Junior Sports Jamboree; and

9 WHEREAS, Thornal Washington was preceded in death by his
10 parents; 4 brothers, Nathaniel, Joseph, Oscar, and Elmer; and 4
11 sisters, Eva, Gladys, Beatrice, and Opal; and

12 WHEREAS, Thornal Washington is survived by his wife, Opal;
13 one daughter, Gail (David) Johnson; one son, Victor; 2
14 grandchildren, Roger Elliott and Victoria (Andre') Piper; 2
15 great-grandchildren, Xavier Piper and Darian Piper; and many
16 nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
19 family and friends, mourn the passing of Thornal Gilbert
20 Washington; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Thornal Washington as an expression
2 of our sympathy.