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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Dorothy Elizabeth Morrison of Chicago, on Monday, October 23, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on April 13, 1928 in Chicago to Ralph Caldwell Elliott, Sr. and Lucy (Allen) Elliott; she graduated from Englewood High School and attended Loyola University; at the age of 18, she married Harold Leroy Morrison who preceded her in death; and

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WHEREAS, She began working for the Chicago Housing Authority as a switchboard operator, eventually serving as Senior Housing Manager with the Chicago Housing Authority's Robert Taylor Homes, Altgeld Gardens, ABLA Homes, Ida B. Wells Apartments, and several CHA senior citizen buildings; she was awarded numerous plaques and awards from the residents and management of the Chicago Housing Authority; she retired from there after 25 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, She began her retirement by beginning a career in community service; she joined the volunteer corp of the DuSable Museum of African American History and later the Museum's Women's Board; she also volunteered as a parent coordinator for the Principal Scholars Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago and for Operation Breadbasket, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Rainbow PUSH, and PUSH Excel; she started her own company in 1990 titled "Events by Morrison", with clients including the Reverend Johnnie Coleman of Christ Universal Temple, the Illinois Cook County Board of Commissioners, Chicago Lyric Opera, Central City Productions, the Alliance of Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs, the Magic Johnson Foundation, and the National Basketball Association; she helped plan and coordinate for such notable events as the Bud Billiken Parade and the Gospel Stellar Awards Program; and

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1           WHEREAS, She was an avid bridge player and a member of the  
2 same bridge club for the last ten years; she enjoyed traveling  
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4 Leone, and Alaska; and

5           WHEREAS, The passing of Dorothy Elizabeth Morrison has been  
6 deeply felt by many, especially her son, Harold, and his wife,  
7 Vivian; her grandchildren, Kwame, Maya Morrison (Tino Sadder)  
8 Sadder, Ronald Jr., Antoine, and Ayesha Morrison; her  
9 great-grandson, Justin Sadder; her son, Ronald; her brother,  
10 Ralph (Dolores) Elliott; her aunt, Dorothy Wilson; and a host  
11 of cousins, friends, and neighbors; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 Dorothy Elizabeth Morrison, and we extend our sincere  
15 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
16 her; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest  
19 sympathy.