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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 Dorothy Murray of Peoria, who passed away on March 10, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Murray was born on January 1, 1934 in Chicago; she met her husband, Elliott, at First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, where they married in 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Murray graduated from Chicago State University; she taught grade school in Chicago for 10 years before moving to Peoria in 1967; in 1968, she opened and was head teacher at the Common Place Pre-School; and

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WHEREAS, In 1978, Dorothy Murray earned her master's degree in counseling and human development from Bradley University, where she also served as a counselor; she then served as a counselor at Human Service Center for 10 years, and then became a full-time counselor again at Bradley University until her retirement in 1999; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Murray was active as a volunteer and board member in many groups, including the NAACP, the Center for Prevention of Abuse, the St. Jude Midwest Affiliate, WCBU, the Peoria Area Friends of International Students, the ICC

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1 Foundation Board, and Planned Parenthood; she recently worked  
2 with Global Village, a fair trade store in Peoria Heights, and  
3 was a volunteer tutor in District 150 schools; and

4 WHEREAS, Dorothy Murray loved music and theater; she played  
5 and formerly taught piano; she was an avid supporter of the  
6 Peoria Symphony and local jazz and blues artists; her acting  
7 career began with the lead role in the Bradley production of  
8 "Trouble in Mind" in 1995; she also played numerous small roles  
9 in a number of Cornstock Lab shows; and

10 WHEREAS, Dorothy Murray is survived by her husband and her  
11 sons, Ralph and Vincent; and

12 WHEREAS, Dorothy Murray will be remembered by all who knew  
13 and loved her as a beautiful, loving, and compassionate woman  
14 with a true gift of friendship; she will be greatly missed by  
15 her family and her many friends; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
18 her family and friends, the passing of Dorothy Murray; and be  
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Dorothy Murray as an expression of

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1 our sympathy.