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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 Erika Prince, who passed away on June 1, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Erika Prince was born on June 28, 1975 in Chicago; her parents were Curtis Prince and the late Diane Beck; and

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WHEREAS, Erika Prince attended Arthur Dixon Elementary School and Hyde Park Academy High School, where she graduated with the Class of 1993; she then received her bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology at Jackson State University in 1994, her master's degree in Speech Language and Hearing Science from Governors State University in 1997, and her second master's degree in Special Education from Roosevelt University in 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Erika Prince was employed as a Special Education Teacher at Arthur Dixon Elementary School in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Erika Prince attended the Salem Baptist Church of Chicago, where she served as a member of the Young Adult Choir and MIME, and worked as a Spiritual Intercessor; she was also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Xi Nu Omega Chapter in Chicago and the Order of the Eastern Star; and

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1           WHEREAS, Erika Prince enjoyed helping her students, the  
2 word of God, exercising, and music; and

3           WHEREAS, Erika Prince was the loving daughter of Diane Beck  
4 and Curtis and Carol Prince; the fond sister of Curtis Prince  
5 II, Monique Beck, and Carla Gilbert; and the beloved mother of  
6 Malani and Damari Hughes; and

7           WHEREAS, Erika Prince will be remembered by all who knew  
8 and loved her as a giving, loyal, and kind mother and teacher  
9 whose piety was unparalleled; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
12 her family and friends, the passing of Erika Prince; and be it  
13 further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Erika Prince as an expression of our  
16 sympathy.