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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 Sharon Lee Gromala-Walton, who passed away on July 17, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, She was born December 21, 1952 in Chicago; she married Gene Walton on July 24, 1976; and

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WHEREAS, She committed herself to the service of others; she started her career in social work as a teenage counselor at Gadshill Settlement House in the heart of the Chicago community; inspired by this work, she pursued her undergraduate degree at Southern Illinois University in 1974 and earned her master's degree from the University of Illinois in 1976; she retired in 2010 after 35 years as a social worker with the Waukegan Public Schools and joined Family Partnership to provide early intervention services to many families in the Lake County area; and

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WHEREAS, In 2007, she received the State of Illinois "Social Worker of the Year" award and the "Midwest Social Worker of the Year" award; and

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WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Irene (Vaclena) Gromala; her sister, Victoria; and her

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1 brother, Edward J. (Tamara) Gromala; and

2 WHEREAS, Sharon Lee Gromala-Walton is survived by her
3 loving husband, Gene; her sons, Jared (Yadira) and Jordan
4 (Abbey) Walton; her granddaughter, Ayanna Milan; her sister,
5 Thaddine (Al) Gomez; her nieces and nephews, Sam, Vicky,
6 Maggie, Lourdes, and Lauren; and many other nieces, nephews,
7 cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
10 her family and friends, the passing of Sharon Lee
11 Gromala-Walton; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Sharon Lee Gromala-Walton as a
14 symbol of our sincere sympathy.