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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 Odell Long of Chicago, who passed away on June 24, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Odell Long was born in Eutaw, Alabama on May 8, 1931 to Henry Dunn and Eliza Horton; at age 16, she moved to Chicago and attended Wendell Phillips Academy High School; she then attended Jones Commercial where she earned her degree in secretarial administration; she was an active member of Greater Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chicago where she worked on many committees including holding positions on The Mother Board and being church secretary; she married Warren G. Long; and

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WHEREAS, Odell Long worked for the United States Post Office in Personnel and Procurement as a secretary until retiring in 1990 after 40 years; after retirement, she became a travel agent with Treasure Island Travel Agency; and

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WHEREAS, Odell Long touched many lives through her community activism and organizational affiliations; she spearheaded the creation of her 9600 Block Club, where she served as president, was a dedicated worker on the polls during all elections, was a court advocate, a member of CAPS, a 7th Ward Senior Board member, and worked with the homeless and

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1 GMAC, all while being sharply dressed in her heels and bags;
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3 WHEREAS, Odell Long always had a thirst for knowledge and
4 to share that knowledge with others, reading every day; her
5 shelves were packed with books and on any given day you would
6 find her in her chair with glasses on her nose, reading,
7 drinking coffee, and taking copious notes; if she wasn't
8 reading, she would dial every phone number she had to check on
9 those she cared about; and

10 WHEREAS, Odell Long was preceded in death by her husband;
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12 WHEREAS, Odell Long is survived by her 2 daughters, Sharon
13 Smith and Beverly Long; her son, Lamar Long; grandchildren,
14 Sean Long (Fontella), Gregory Smith, Darius Smith, Joseph
15 Williams, and Carla Williams; 2 great-grandchildren, Nia Long
16 and Isaac Smith; her baby sister, Beatrice Dent (Robert); a
17 special sister, Johnny Pearl Horton; her adopted daughter,
18 Deneen Sipp; sons, Terrell Washington and Tory Sipp; a host of
19 special nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; and
20 many beloved friends and neighbors; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Odell Long, and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
2 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Odell Long as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.