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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Lynda Dale Puckett, who passed away on 4 November 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Lynda Puckett was born in Chicago to Edward and Margret Bland on December 23, 1953; she had her first communion at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Chicago; she attended Illinois State University, Clark College in Dubuque, Iowa, and the University of Montana, where she was pursuing a degree in speech pathology; before starting a family, she was a world traveler and even spent time on an Indian reservation observing the culture; and

WHEREAS, Lynda Puckett retired from Oak Park and River Forest High School after over 15 years of assisting students with disabilities; she worked closely under the leadership of the Black Star Project (Saturday University), helping students from 5th to 8th grade have a better understanding of basic math skills in preparation for high school; she continued her autism expertise with Answer, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Lynda Puckett received the Congressman Danny K.

Davis Outstanding Teacher Award; she served as a member under

Illinois State Senator Kimberly Lightford on the Women's

- 1 Committee; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Lynda Puckett was a member of Eastern Star and
- 3 spent years in the Tabitha Grand and Sarah J. Harris Chapters;
- 4 family was important to her, and she was especially proud of
- 5 her oldest grandchild, CJ, who attends the United States
- 6 Military Academy at West Point; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Lynda Puckett was preceded in death by her parents
- 8 and her siblings, Calvin and Yolanda Bland; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Lynda Puckett is survived by her husband of 43
- 10 years, Floyd Puckett Sr.; her daughters, April (Chris),
- 11 Kandieous, Dana (Thaddeus), and Paris Ashley; her son, Floyd
- 12 Jr. (Noemi); her grandchildren, CJ, Colin, Chase, Taylor,
- 13 Camryn, Andrew, Olivia, and Nathan; her sisters, Veronica,
- 14 Lynette, and Sheniell; her brother, Michael; numerous nieces,
- 15 nephews, aunts, cousins, Puckett sisters and brothers, and her
- 16 mother-in-law, Margaret Puckett; therefore, be it
- 17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
- 18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 19 Lynda Dale Puckett and extend our sincere condolences to her
- 20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
- 21 further

- 1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 2 presented to the family of Lynda Puckett as an expression of
- 3 our deepest sympathy.