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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Alzada Christian-Carr of East St. Louis on November 14, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Alzada Christian was born on July 11, 1945 to Theodore and Hattie Christian; she grew up with her family on Goose Hill, attending Garfield and Carver Schools; she continued her education at Rock Junior High School, and she graduated from East St. Louis Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Christian-Carr went on to further her education as an honor student of the American Institute of Banking; she later graduated from the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute and was a student of the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Academy; she was a Registered Clerk, and was conferred as a Master Municipal Clerk by the International Master Municipal Clerk Academy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Christian-Carr worked at National Stockyards Bank of St. Louis, where she was one of the first recipients of the Urban League Black Achievers Award in 1974; her banking career also includes employment at Continental Bank of Chicago and Riggs National Bank of Washington, D.C., where she supervised 30 women; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Christian-Carr served as Deputy Clerk of the City of East St. Louis for ten years and was elected the first female City Clerk for 4 terms; she was elected First Vice-President of Districts 7, 8, and 9 of Southwestern Illinois Municipal Clerks Association; and she was the first City Clerk of East St. Louis to become a Certified Clerk of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Christian-Carr was appointed District

1 Director of District IX of Illinois Municipal Clerks for  
2 1999-2000; in 2001, she was presented the Ilion Crabel Member  
3 of the Year Award by the Municipal Clerks of Illinois, the  
4 highest award to be received from the State Clerks; her  
5 greatest achievement as City Clerk was to have the Municipal  
6 City Code updated; the previous update to the Code was in 1974;  
7 she retired from the position in May of 2002, the first City  
8 Clerk to retire after 25 years of service; and

9 WHEREAS, She served as Democrat Precinct Committeewoman of  
10 Goose Hill for ten years; she served as Secretary of the City  
11 Central Democratic Organization and was Secretary of the County  
12 of St. Clair Democratic Organization for ten years; her local,  
13 state, and national memberships, awards, and honors are far too  
14 numerous to name; and

15 WHEREAS, She was a Charter Member of the North End  
16 Missionary Baptist Church and served as First Financial  
17 Secretary and First Announcing Clerk; she was a dependable and  
18 loyal member and served the church in many ways; she was  
19 affectionately called "Co-Pastor"; and

20 WHEREAS, The passing of Alzada Christian-Carr has been  
21 deeply felt by many, especially her two daughters; Candace  
22 (Richard) King and Gerri Butler; her grandchildren, Brandi  
23 Butler, Dameon Christian, Kevisha White, Dennis Butler III,  
24 Courtney Butler, and Carlton King; her sisters, Fran (Howard)  
25 Hairston, Voncille Cox, and Sabrina (Tommie) Johnson; her  
26 brothers, T.C. (Beverly) Christian, Jr., Taft (Marie)  
27 Christian, Sr., and Charles (Ruby) Christian, Sr.; her godson,  
28 Roderick (Corliss) Townsend; her "adopted" daughters, Phyllis  
29 Mitchell and Karen Robinson; sixty-two Daughters of Venus  
30 Temple #1042; her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces,  
31 great-nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, and cousins;  
32 her extended family of Griggs, Neely, Holloway, and Christian;  
33 and her North End Church Family, Goose Hill Family, Elk Family,

1 and many friends; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
4 Alzada Christian-Carr along with all who knew and loved her,  
5 and we extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends,  
6 and community; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Alzada Christian-Carr as an  
9 expression of our deepest sympathy.