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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Godwin Sunday Daniel Okorafor, M.D., F.A.C.S., on Sunday, March 14, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Okorafor was born on December 8, 1940; he married Dr. Helen I. Okorafor, H.S.D.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Okorafor attended Christ the King College in Onitsha, Nigeria for his premedical education; he received his medical doctorate in 1968 from the University of Ibadan in Ibadan, Nigeria; he served his rotating internship at University College Hospital in Ibadan, Nigeria and at St. Joseph Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland; his general surgery residency was conducted at Springfield Hospital Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts and at The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he served as chief resident of general surgery; his thoracic-cardiovascular surgery residency was completed at The Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he served as thoracic-cardiovascular chief resident; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Okorafor was a highly respected and accomplished thoracic-cardiovascular surgeon and had dedicated 25 years of his life to serving the south side communities of Chicago; he was the Chief of Surgery for several years at St. Bernard Hospital and was very active at Trinity, Mount Sinai, South Shore, Provident, Inglewood, Doctors Hospital of Hyde Park, and Jackson Park Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Okorafor was a member of several professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the Chicago Medical Society, and he was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Okorafor was a devoted family man; he enjoyed  
2 tennis, table tennis, soccer, swimming, and boating; and

3           WHEREAS, The passing of Godwin Sunday Daniel Okorafor,  
4 M.D., F.A.C.S. has been deeply felt by many, especially his  
5 wife, Dr. Helen I. Okorafor, H.S.D.; his children, Dr. Ifeoma  
6 Chinyere Okorafor-Chidume, D.C. Ngozi Chigioke Okorafor-Johns,  
7 M.A., J.D., Esq., Nnedi Nkemdili Okorafor-Mbachu, writer and  
8 Ph.D. candidate, and Emezie Ijoma Okorafor, B.Sc., Eng. MIT;  
9 and his grandchildren, Anyaugo Obioma Mbachu and Onyuedika  
10 Chukwudi Sunday Chidume; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Godwin Sunday Daniel Okorafor, M.D., F.A.C.S., and we extend  
14 our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew  
15 and loved him; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Dr. Okorafor as an expression of our  
18 sincere condolences.