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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 Juanita Newell Cook of Dolton, who passed away on May 28, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Juanita Newell Cook was born to the union of Mason Sr. and Ethel Newell on August 7, 1928; Juanita was baptized in the Catholic Church at an early age; she attended St. Elizabeth Grammar School in Chicago, St. Frances High School in Rockcastle, West Virginia, and Loop Junior College in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Juanita met and married Wonnie Cook in 1948; Juanita was influential in the lives of many neighborhood children; "Granny" as she was affectionately known, took many of these children into her home and raised them as her own; she remained a devoted Christian throughout her life; she was a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church and the Knights of Peter Claver Auxiliary at St. Benedict the African; she became an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church after moving to Dolton; and

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WHEREAS, Juanita Cook was employed by the City of Chicago for 39 years; she served under the late Richard J. Daley as a manager in the Department of Human Services and as a community

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1 liaison in the Englewood area beginning in 1967; she was a
2 committed member of the Democratic Party and served as precinct
3 captain in the 16th Ward, volunteered in the 34th Ward, and was
4 a member of the 9th Ward Democratic Organization; she supported
5 Mayor William Shaw of Dolton for 25 years and Commissioner
6 Robert Shaw in all of their political endeavors, including
7 serving as a manager for the Village of Dolton's political
8 organization; and

9 WHEREAS, Preceding her in death was her son Wonnie Jr.; her
10 brothers Paul (Anita), Alfonso (Ella) and Michael; her
11 grand-daughter Melanie (Shawn); her sister-in-law Flossie; and
12 other loved ones; and

13 WHEREAS, Juanita Newell Cook leaves her children to cherish
14 her loving memory: Ralph (Martha), Walter (Felicia), Cynthia
15 (Paris Norton), Deborah (William Shaw), and Maurice
16 (Stephanie); her sister Litesha (Bernard); her brothers,
17 Claude (Celestine), Mason Jr. (Rose) and Maurice (Sandra); her
18 grandchildren, Keith, Quentin, LaShanda, Metoyer, Stephen, and
19 Wonnie; her great-grandchildren, Ashley and Asante; and a host
20 of nieces, nephews and other special friends; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
23 her family and friends, the passing of Juanita Newell Cook; and

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Juanita Newell Cook as a symbol of
4 our sincere sympathy.