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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 Ricky Lee Randolph, who passed away on August 24, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Ricky Lee Randolph was born on November 2, 1963, in Chicago; his parents were Sylvester and Fannie Randolph; and

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WHEREAS, Ricky Lee Randolph graduated from Mason Elementary and Farragut High School; and

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WHEREAS, Ricky Lee Randolph was baptized at an early age by the late Reverend George Clark; in his final months, he began attending worship services at New Life Covenant Church under the leadership of Senior Pastor John F. Hannah; and

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WHEREAS, Ricky Lee Randolph worked in the conference center at the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis since 1997; he served as the supervisor of a team of five who worked for Compass Group, a food services company; he was well loved and respected by his co-workers and the lawyers at the firm; and

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WHEREAS, Ricky Lee Randolph loved to cook; his passion for food led him to start his own company, Ricky Randolph Catering; he began his business by selling dinners in the community;

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1 through word of mouth, Ricky's business grew by leaps and  
2 bounds; Ricky cooked for judges, lawyers, dignitaries, the cast  
3 and crew of numerous Broadway productions, including The Lion  
4 King, Mary Poppins, and The Color Purple, and his family and  
5 friends; and

6 WHEREAS, Ricky Lee Randolph was well known for his Ricky  
7 Randolph & Friends Annual White Party, which brought his  
8 community together each summer for one night of Hollywood in an  
9 urban milieu; the White Party was Ricky's gift of love to the  
10 Lawndale community and he spared no expenses in this display of  
11 excellence; the event helped to raise funds to produce the 1400  
12 and 1500 blocks of South Kenneth's Annual Back-to-School Block  
13 Club Party and offset the costs for purchasing book bags and  
14 school supplies for children in the community; and

15 WHEREAS, Ricky Lee Randolph was preceded in death by his  
16 brothers, Sylvester Jr. and James; his sister, Diane; and his  
17 parents; and

18 WHEREAS, Ricky Lee Randolph is survived by his sisters,  
19 Barbara (Thomas), Sherain (Maurice), Vickie (Joseph), and  
20 Tajuana (William); his brother, Kenneth; his daughter, Shakita  
21 Thurman; his uncles, Willie, Chester, Clarence, Aubrey, and  
22 George; his nieces, Shunvonner, LaShunda, Sheri, Keneata,  
23 Kewana, Tameika, Terinika, Jasmine, and Joy; his nephews,

1 Sylvester III, Thomas, Will, Fontaine, Terry, Willie, Kenard,  
2 Joseph, Josh, Kenneth, Keshon, and Marcus; and his many  
3 great-nieces and great-nephews, great-great nieces and  
4 great-great nephews, special siblings, other family members,  
5 and special friends; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
8 his family and friends, the passing of Ricky Lee Randolph; and  
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Ricky Lee Randolph as an expression  
12 of our sympathy.