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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 Deneita Jo Farmer, popularly known as "Dee Dee", who passed away on October 7, 2016 at the age of 65; and

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WHEREAS, Dee Dee was born on August 5, 1951 to Joseph and Geraldine Gamble and raised in Chicago, but lived for many years in Maywood; and

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WHEREAS, Dee Dee earned both her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and her Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and her Ed.D. from Nova Southeastern University; and

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WHEREAS, Dee Dee was the head of the pre-kindergarten program at Longfellow Elementary School in Oak Park and was a committed member of The Collaboration for Early Childhood; and

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WHEREAS, Dee Dee was the winner of the Golden Apple award in 1997; she loved gardening, reading, and going to the movies; and

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WHEREAS, Dee Dee was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Gamble; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dee Dee is survived by her mother, Geraldine
2 Gamble; she was the mother of Keisha Jo Farmer-Moore
3 (Christopher), Henry Jared Farmer (Kayla), and Mark Justin
4 Farmer; the grandmother of Jared Edward Farmer, Jalen Elijah
5 Farmer, Khalil Jared Smith, John Kaleb Smith, Elizabeth Moore,
6 Alex Moore, and Joseph Moore; and the loving sister of Robin
7 Lynne Williams, Mark Joseph Gamble, and Mia Susan Gamble;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
11 family and friends, mourn the passing of Deneita Jo Farmer; and
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Deneita Farmer as an expression of
15 our sympathy.