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## **Clerk Dorothy Brown Saddened by Obama's Grandmother's Death**

(Chicago) — “On many occasions, Senator Barack Obama proudly spoke of his grandmother Madelyn Dunham and the great influence she had on his life. That she passed away the day before the presidential elections, must be heartrending for him and his family,” said Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, upon learning that Democratic Presidential candidate Barack Obama’s grandmother died of cancer today at the age of 86. “Though he must have known how close his dear grandmother was to making her transition, it is so tragic that she did not live to see how her beloved grandson fares in the contest for the highest office in the land.”

“My prayers are with Senator Obama, his wife Michelle, daughters, Malia and Sasha, his sister, Maya Soetoro-Ng, other family members and friends who knew and loved Madelyn Dunham,” Clerk Brown continued. “She obviously was a woman of quiet determination and extraordinary character. I believe that Ms. Dunham must have been overjoyed to know that her legacy lives on through the historic and magnanimous achievements of her grandson, Barack Obama.”

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