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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 Bessie Lee Redmond of Chicago, who passed away on June 1, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Bessie Lee Redmond was affectionately known as "Tee"; she was born on March 27, 1927 in Shelby, Mississippi to the late Angeline Jackson and Henry Brinkley; she was the youngest of 7 children, 4 sisters and 2 brothers who preceded her in death; and

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WHEREAS, She was educated in the Bolivar County School System; she accepted Jesus Christ at an early age; she joined Beautiful Zion Missionary Baptist Church in 1968 under the leadership of Reverend V.B. Harris; she later joined the Rock of Love Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Samuel L. Douglas; she served in the church as a member for 26 years and as President of the Usher Board; and

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WHEREAS, She moved to Chicago in 1948; and she married William Redmond in 1969; and

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WHEREAS, Bessie Lee Redmond is survived by her daughter, Bernice Liddell; her grandson, Ronald Williams; her granddaughter, Shanti Liddell; her adopted daughters, Beverly

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1 Redmond and Latricia Redmond; her 5 great-grandchildren; her
2 nephews, Fred Cherry, Samuel L. Douglas, Fernando Townsend, and
3 Punkin; her nieces, Annette Jones, Alberta Eison, and Roseanne
4 Campbell; and many other relatives and friends; therefore, be
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6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
8 her family and friends, the passing of Bessie Lee Redmond; and
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10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Bessie Lee Redmond as a symbol of
12 our sincere sympathy.