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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 Barbara S. Penelton of Peoria, who passed away on March 18, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Penelton was born on April 8, 1937, in Chicago to Ruth and George Spencer; she attended Chicago Public Schools and earned a bachelors of science and a masters of science in education in 1958 and 1961, respectively, from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana; she married Frank Smith but that union ended in divorce and in 1968 she married Richard Penelton; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Penelton began teaching for the Chicago Public Schools; in 1966, she moved to Peoria after accepting a position as director of education for the Peoria Tri-County Urban League; in 1969, she became the first African-American female faculty member at Bradley University, where she taught and served as chair of the university's Department of Teacher Education in the College of Education and Health Sciences; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Penelton was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth and her husband, Richard; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Penelton is survived by her father, George

1 Spencer Sr.; her brother, George Spencer Jr.; her daughters,
2 Lisa Penelton and Kim (Frank) Campbell; her grandchildren,
3 Franklin and Julian Campbell; her other children, Toby Smith,
4 Sheri Mathis, Dominique Brown, and George Lyon Spencer; her
5 other grandchildren, Nishay Brown, Daejunique Brown, Jordan
6 Carter, Nathan Carter, Sydney Mathis, Joseph Mathis, Geordan
7 Spencer, and Skye Spencer; her goddaughter, Karlyn Miller
8 Singleton; one godgranddaughter, Tamara Camille Butler; and a
9 host of other much-beloved children, family members, book club
10 sisters, and friends; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Barbara Penelton, and we extend our sincere condolences to her
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Barbara Penelton as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.