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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 Bertha Lee Burns, who passed away on July 14, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Bertha Burns was born on July 18, 1937 in Hughes, Arkansas; her parents were the Rev. Tony and Lucy Burnett; and

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WHEREAS, Bertha Burns accepted Christ at an early age under the leadership of Pastor W.E. McKinney at Mount Pisbe Missionary Baptist Church in Croverville, Arkansas; and

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WHEREAS, In the early 1960s, Bertha Burns relocated from Arkansas to Chicago, where she became a certified nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital; she served faithfully as a nurse for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Bertha Burns enjoyed fishing, gardening, and cooking for everyone; and

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WHEREAS, Bertha Burns was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Wilson "Cadillac Bill" Rodgers; her extended child, Fred "Mane Mane", Jr.; and her siblings, Nurse Watkins, Hiltha Miller, and James Burnett; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bertha Burns is survived by her children, Amos,
2 Dudley, Helen (John) Franklin, Dean, Feltain "Tina" (Yosef)
3 Beard, Pamela (Paul) Huff, Monica (Michael) Heagle, Shanice,
4 and Dyreck; her extended children, Pat Towns and Debra Ann
5 (Floyd) Tucker; her siblings, Mattie Burnett, Ruth Brown, Ora
6 Brown, Delores Burnett, Olivia Burnett, Lincoln Burnett, and
7 Louvenia (Pastor Robin Hood) Dexter Burnett; and her nieces,
8 nephews, grandchildren, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

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

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