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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the passing of Nellie Margaret Bixby Anderson of Sparta, who passed away on February 9, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Margaret Anderson was born to James and Melissa (Lissie) Bixby in Sparta on October 16, 1928; she attended Vernon Grade School in Sparta and graduated from DuSalvo High School in Chicago; she married Melvin James Anderson on December 14, 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Margaret Anderson worked as a substitute teacher at Vernon Grade School and was the first Black History teacher at the Sparta High School; she also worked at the Sparta Neighborhood Center as a day care teacher for 10 years; and

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WHEREAS, Margaret Anderson was very active in the Civil Rights Movement and was a dominant civil rights activist in the city of Sparta; and

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WHEREAS, Margaret Anderson was deeply committed to her faith; she loved her church, Sparta Church of the Nazarene, where she taught Sunday School; she was devoted to taking care of her husband and raising her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and

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1 WHEREAS, Margaret Anderson was preceded in death by her
2 mother and father, Melissa (Lissie) and James Bixby; her little
3 brother, James Bixby Jr.; and her step-father, Eddie B.
4 Johnson; and

5 WHEREAS, Margaret Anderson is survived by her loving
6 husband of 73 years, Melvin J. Anderson Sr.; her nine children,
7 Althea (Burr) Deming, Charlotte (Keith) Lukes, Denise
8 Anderson, Melvin J. Anderson Jr., John Mark Anderson, Craig
9 (Onetisha) Anderson, Heather Anderson, Michael Anderson, and
10 Christopher (Haliegh) Anderson; her 21 grandchildren, her 19
11 great-grandchildren; her 4 great-great-grandchildren, her
12 special sister, Ruth Ann Small; her two sisters-in-law, Bessie
13 Selmon and Luvenia Nance; her two brothers-in-law, Frank
14 Anderson and Michael Anderson; her aunt, Bernice Collins; her
15 nieces, nephews, and cousins; and her very dear friends;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Nellie Margaret Bixby Anderson and extend our sincere
20 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
21 her; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Margaret Anderson as an expression
2 of our deepest sympathy.