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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Rosie Lee Peterson; and

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WHEREAS, Rosie Peterson was born in Ripley, Mississippi to  
5 Judy Adams and Joe Peterson on March 7, 1937; near the end of  
6 the Great Depression, her parents moved the family to  
7 Middleton, Tennessee; she attended school part time while  
8 helping her family tend to their farm through the lean years of  
9 World War II and migrated to Chicago when she was 18; and

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WHEREAS, Rosie Peterson worked in housekeeping at  
11 McCormick Place, as a senior care worker, and as a domestic  
12 home worker for several families; in the late 1990s, she took a  
13 job in security for the City of Chicago's Department of  
14 General Services, where she worked until she retired in 2008;  
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WHEREAS, Rosie Peterson hosted big holiday dinners and  
17 weekend sleep-overs for her nieces and nephews; she was an  
18 exceptional cook and prepared grand feasts for her family,  
19 neighbors, and friends; she enjoyed playing cards and dancing  
20 and was a passionate fan of Chicago blues; and

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WHEREAS, Rosie Peterson was strong willed, fiercely

1 independent, and a very caring and protective mother; she  
2 instilled in her children the importance of discipline,  
3 cleanliness, hard work, and respect; she could be brutally  
4 honest when offering her opinions, but her life experiences  
5 and her understanding of people and situations helped her  
6 guide family and friends through life's challenges; and

7 WHEREAS, Rosie Peterson is survived by her children, Terry  
8 Peterson, Diann (Corhn) Peterson, and Tyrone Peterson; her  
9 sisters, Betty Woods, Johnnie Thompson, Bobby White, Charlene  
10 Beecher, and Grace Baity; her brother, Junior Jeans; and  
11 numerous nieces, nephews, and friends; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 Rosie Lee Peterson and extend our sincere condolences to her  
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Rosie Peterson as an expression of  
19 our deepest sympathy.