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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 Yvonne Brown; and

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WHEREAS, Yvonne Brown was born to Walter and Bertha Robinson on October 18, 1934; she attended A.O Sexton Grammar School, Hyde Park High School, and the University of Chicago Lab School; she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the University of Chicago; she met and married Thomas R. Pearson, and they had four sons; she later met and married Isaiah Brown, and they had one son; and

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WHEREAS, Yvonne Brown was a devoted employee of the United States Civil Service Department; she also worked over 30 years as a fiscal manager with the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Charities and retired in 2004; and

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WHEREAS, In 1967, Yvonne Brown joined the Mary McLeod Bethune Temple, where she was appointed to serve on the Trustee Board; she served as a Doorkeeper, Gatekeeper, Assistant Daughter Ruler, and Vice Daughter, and was the third Daughter to serve as Daughter Ruler; she received Past State President Honors in Rockford through the fashion department; in 1972 in St. Louis, she received Past Grand Daughter Ruler honors through the Grand Daughter Ruler's Volunteer

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1 Department; and

2 WHEREAS, On the Illinois and Wisconsin state level, Yvonne
3 Brown served as the Membership Chairperson, Initiation
4 Chairperson, Trustee, and Administrative Assistant to then
5 Daughter State President Alfrenia Y. Hampton; on the national
6 level, she served as one of the first Grand Temple Marshals,
7 District Deputy for 15 years, and Grand Temple Trustee for 3
8 years; currently, she was serving as Secretary for the Grand
9 Temple's Grievance and Appeals Committee; she was also serving
10 as President of the National Daughter State Presidents
11 Council, which is a role in which she served since 1992; and

12 WHEREAS, Yvonne Brown actively participated as a member of
13 the Grand Exalted Ruler's Advisory Board, the Grand Lodge
14 Civil Liberties Department, and the National Association of
15 Professional Women; she mentored in the Turn Around Program;
16 she was past matron of Queen Esther Chapter No. 5, the Order of
17 the Eastern Star and was a past member of the Most Ancient
18 Grand Matron Heroines of Jericho; and

19 WHEREAS, Yvonne Brown was a recipient of the C.L. 6
20 Blanche Smith Image Award; and

21 WHEREAS, Yvonne Brown was a devoted member of the #2 Mount
22 Pleasant M.B Church in Chicago; and

1 WHEREAS, Yvonne Brown was preceded in death by her
2 parents, Walter and Bertha Robinson; her first husband, Thomas
3 R. Pearson; her second husband, Isaiah Brown; her brother,
4 Thomas White; her sister, Yvette Garlington; and her oldest
5 son, Thomas Pearson Jr.; and

6 WHEREAS, Yvonne Brown is survived by her four sons, Theron
7 Pearson, Tyrone (Kathleen) Pearson, Thurston (Bobbie) Pearson,
8 and Isaiah Brown Jr.; her twenty grandchildren; her 55
9 great-grandchildren; her seven nieces; her three nephews; and
10 a host of family and friends; therefore, be it

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

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Yvonne Brown as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.