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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 Mary Eleanor "Mae" Baptist; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Baptist was born in Batchelor, Louisiana to Rev. Almond and Louida Baptiste on August 10, 1932; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Baptist was a member of Third Baptist Church until she joined Powerhouse with her sisters, JoAnn and Georgia; she was a woman of deep faith; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Baptist loved her family, reading the Bible, watching game shows and old black and white movies, playing bingo and card games, especially solitaire, and doing her puzzle books; she was kind to everyone she met and will be missed by many; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Baptist had a unique talent; she could recite the alphabet backwards just as fast as she could recite it forward; funny sometimes, she assigned nicknames to some of her family members; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Baptist was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Norwood; and her sisters, Iola and Georgia; and

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1           WHEREAS, Mary Baptist is survived by her sister, JoAnn  
2 Tribett; her nieces, Linda, Tonya, Yolanda, and Angelique; her  
3 nephews, Terry, Myron (Sylvia), Almond (Daphne), and Errol  
4 (Janet); 11 great-nieces; 10 great-nephews; her great-great  
5 nieces and nephews; her beautiful friends who took care of  
6 her, Veronica, Sandra, and Martha; and numerous family friends  
7 and cousins; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
10 Mary Eleanor "Mae" Baptist and extend our sincere condolences  
11 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be  
12 it further

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