

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of  
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Mamie  
4 Elizabeth Till-Mobley on January 6, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Till-Mobley was born on November 23, 1921  
6 in Hazelhurst, Mississippi to the union of Nash and Alma  
7 Smith-Carthan; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Till-Mobley completed elementary and high  
9 school, graduating from Argo Community High School in 1940;  
10 accepting Christ as her personal Savior at an early age, she  
11 was baptized by Elder Goodwin at Argo Temple Church of God in  
12 Christ; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Till-Mobley married Emmett Louis Till and  
14 to this union one son, Emmett Till, Jr. was born; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Till-Mobley later relocated to Chicago  
16 where she met and married Gennie Mobley, Jr., with whom she  
17 shared two step-daughters, Lillian Gene Jackson and Yvonne  
18 Wright; in addition, she was blessed with two god-daughters,  
19 Ollie and Airicka Gordon; and three godsons, Abriel Thomas,  
20 Kailonn W. Thomas Sr., and Shafter Gordon; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Till-Mobley's employment spanned over a  
22 period of forty-five years; her years of work include the  
23 following: from 1936-1941, she was a domestic worker; from  
24 1941-1943, she was employed by the Coffey School of  
25 Aeronautics (Cornelius and Willa Brown, owners); and from  
26 1943-1956, she was employed by the federal government; and

27 WHEREAS, At age 33, she entered Chicago Teachers College,  
28 received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education in 3 1/2  
29 years, and graduated Cum Laude; her thirst for education  
30 continued and she attended graduate school, earning a  
31 Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision at Loyola

1 University; she worked as teacher for the Chicago Public  
2 Schools (Carter, and McCosh Scanlon) for 26 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Christianity and the church were a staple in her  
4 life; she attended Corinthian Temple and Robert's Temple  
5 COGIC, and in 1973 united with the Evangelistic Crusaders as  
6 one of the founding seven members; she served faithfully  
7 under the pastorate of Elder George Liggins; although her  
8 appointment to Church Mother excited her the most, she was  
9 the first church secretary; in addition, she served in the  
10 following capacities: President of the Secretarial and  
11 Broadcast Staff, Adult Sunday School Teacher, Missionary, and  
12 Notary Public; she was also a Charter member of the Board of  
13 Directors; and she was active in all of Crusaders  
14 child-related programs which includes Founder and Director of  
15 the "Emmett Till Players"; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Till-Mobley trained over three generations  
17 of children renewing their interests in academics and  
18 inspiring their sense of self-worth; she traveled throughout  
19 the United States speaking about the Civil Rights struggle  
20 and urging her listeners to be the best they can; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Till-Mobley's passing will be deeply felt  
22 by many, especially her step-daughters, Lillian Gene Jackson  
23 and Yvonne Wright (Ron); her god-daughters, Ollie and Airicka  
24 Gordon; her brothers-in-law, Rev. Wealthy (Euphemia) Mobley,  
25 Vernon Brown Hosea Mobley, and Leroy (Liz) Randall; her  
26 cousins, Crosby (Janie) Smith, Sally Rollins, Abriel Thomas,  
27 and Shafter Gordon; her six grandchildren; her ten  
28 great-grandchildren; and a host of cousins, god-children, and  
29 friends; and

30 WHEREAS, Mrs. Till-Mobley was preceded in death by her  
31 first husband, Emmett Louis Till; her second husband, Gennie  
32 Mobley, Jr.; her son, Emmett Till, Jr.; and one godson,

1 Kailonn W. Thomas Sr.; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of  
4 Mamie Elizabeth Till-Mobley along with all who knew and loved  
5 her and extend our sincere condolences to her family,  
6 friends, and community; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Mamie Elizabeth Till-Mobley with  
9 our deepest sympathy.