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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Lucille Bell Pleasant of East St. Louis on October 8, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Lucille Bell was born on May 24, 1929, to Murphy and Anna Mae Bell; her parents preceded her in death; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Pleasant made her decision to follow Christ at the age of 10 years and joined St. Paul Baptist Church in East St. Louis; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Pleasant received her education in East St. Louis, graduating from Lincoln Senior High School in June 1947; she continued her formal education at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; after two years, she returned to East St. Louis and married Lloyd Pleasant on July 22, 1951; he preceded her in death; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Pleasant was employed in various positions including as a case worker at General Assistance and she retired as a case worker from the Illinois Department of Public Aid (now the Department of Human Services) in December, 1996; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Pleasant was an energetic person and rightfully earned her title as the "family overseer"; she served St. Paul Baptist Church well as a member of the Trustee Board and the following organizations: Women of Action, Friday Night Bible Study, Board of Christian Education, Usher Ministry Number Two, and the Angelic Voices; she was also active in the community as a member of the Violet Thimble Club, an affiliate of the National Association of Club Women, Boys and Girls, Inc. and secretary of her high school graduation class alumni; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Lucille Bell Pleasant has been

1 deeply felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her
2 son, Lamont L. Pleasant; her grandson, Lamont Pleasant, Jr.;
3 her granddaughter, Tiera Pleasant; Janet Lowery, whom she
4 mentored and helped to rear; her sisters, Bettie L. Smith and
5 Shirley Ann Smith; her special cousin, Ernestine E. Rives;
6 her nieces, Michelle (Elwood) Buchanan and Tracy (Terrence)
7 Hargrove; her nephews, Michael (Carmel) Smith and Kyle
8 (Samantha) Smith; her great-nieces, Jennifer, Tamiko, Keisha,
9 Courtney Smith, Katrina Smith and Epiphany Smith; her
10 great-nephew, Terrence Hargrove, Jr.; her great-great niece,
11 Kierra; her many cousins; her many friends, associates, and
12 relatives, and her family at St. Paul Baptist Church;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
16 all who knew her, the death of Lucille B. Pleasant of East
17 St. Louis; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Lucille B. Pleasant as an
20 expression of our sincerest condolences.