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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 Doris J. Patterson on Friday, September 30, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on March 23, 1938, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Otto Hurley and Cora Hart; she graduated from Roosevelt High School in Gary, Indiana, in 1956, with honors in academics, specializing in mathematics; she was also one of the top baton-twirling cheerleaders in the nation and majorette in Chicago's Bud Billiken parade; and

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WHEREAS, During high school, she was an active member of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, French Club, and Girls Athletic Association; sewing was a hobby that she perfected to excellence and buying material was a habit that she refused to let go; in her spare time, she also enjoyed reading Harlequin Romance novels; and

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WHEREAS, In 1957, she married Samuel McCarter, Sr., and he preceded her in death; seeking to improve the quality of life for her children, she moved from Missouri's Pruitt-Igo public housing project to the south side of Chicago; in 1966, she married Lonnie "Pat" Patterson, who also preceded her in death; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Patterson worked at Children's Memorial Hospital as a payroll supervisor for over 25 years; she retired and moved to Compton, California, and worked at Ralphs Grocery Company, an affiliate of The Kroger Co. grocer retail stores, as an accounts payable clerk until her retirement; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Doris J. Patterson has been deeply felt by many, especially her children, DiAna McCarter, Raymond (Faith) McCarter, Deborah (Robert) Hayes, Samuel A. McCarter,

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1 Cynthia E. Davis, and Angela (Darryl) Roberson-Taylor; her
2 brother, Elvin Hurley; her 16 grandchildren; her eight
3 great-grandchildren; her five nieces; and her many other
4 relatives and friends; she was also preceded in death by her
5 son, Richard C. McCarter; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Doris J. Patterson, and we extend our sincere condolences to
9 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
13 sympathy.