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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Louise Higgins, age 86, of Chicago, on October 6, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, She was born Louise Young on July 19, 1919, in Knoxville, Alabama, to James and Gertrude Young; she was the 5th child of 10 children; at 14, she moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama where she attended Industrial High School; after high school, she worked several jobs, including insurance salesperson for Protective Insurance Company; and

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WHEREAS, In 1957, Louise moved to Robbins, Illinois, and a year later, she moved to Chicago; she received a food management certificate from Olive Harvey College; Louise worked as a waitress, but then she advanced into a management position; and

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WHEREAS, In 1965, Louise and her cousin Eloise Cochran opened the White Owl Restaurant, which they operated for 21 years, until deciding to retire in 1986; later, she worked for Helping Care and took care of homebound patients for 8 years; and

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WHEREAS, Louise became a member of the Our Lady of Solace Catholic Church in 1973; later, as several Catholic churches merged, she became an active member of St. Benedict the African Catholic Church, where she sang in the choir and volunteered in many parish activities, up to the time of her death; and

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WHEREAS, Everyone in her family affectionately called her "A'nt Lou" and loved to see her at family gatherings; and

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WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; three sisters, Vordie Smith, Classie Eaves, and Mary

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1 Campbell; and three brothers, Sylvester Young, George Young,
2 and Eugene Young; and

3 WHEREAS, The passing of Louise Higgins will be felt by all
4 who knew and loved her, especially her son and his wife, Willie
5 and Norma May; two grandchildren, Kristian (Paul) and Karen;
6 her great-grandson, Myles; her sister, Anna Weatherspoon, two
7 brothers, Jimmy (Jean) Young and Dock (Charlotte) Young; her
8 first cousin, Eloise Cochran; and numerous nieces, nephews, and
9 close friends; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Louise Higgins and we extend our sincerest condolences to her
13 family and friends; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
16 sympathy.