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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 Ella Clayborne Spires of East St. Louis, who passed away on July 5, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, "Aunt Mary" or "Mary Tee", as she was affectionately referred to by her nieces and nephews, was born on November 5, 1916, the eighth child born to the union of Indiana (Stennis) and Jesse Clayborne in Dekalb, Mississippi; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Ella Clayborne confessed a hope in Christ at an early age; she was 18 when her family moved to East St. Louis, where she joined the Mount Zion Church in 1937 under the Pastorate of Rev. R. B. Haney; she was a faithful member for 70 years; and

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WHEREAS, In 1940 Mary graduated from Lincoln High School in East St. Louis and went on to Cosmetology College; she met the love of her life, Albert Spires and united in holy matrimony on February 3, 1942; Mary was a member of the Greater Beauticians Association of East St. Louis for many years; she was an avid fisherwoman and loved introducing the sport to her nieces and nephews, and great nieces and great nephews; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mary Tee had a loyal companion named Spot, who
2 died nine days prior to her death on July 5, 2007; her mother,
3 father, husband, and twelve siblings also preceded her in
4 death; and

5 WHEREAS, She leaves to mourn her passing and cherish her
6 memory her sister, Mamie Clayborne Bolden; her brother, Calvin
7 Clayborne; her sister-in-law, Edna Clayborne; her aunt, Ruth
8 Ulmer; her devoted nieces, Barbara Clayborne King (Johnny) and
9 Dorothy Owensby; her devoted nephew, James Clayborne; her
10 special friend/niece, Brenda Staples; and many more nieces,
11 nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and a host of cousins and
12 friends; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 her family and friends, the passing of Mary Ella Clayborne
16 Spires; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Mary Ella Clayborne Spires as a
19 symbol of our sympathy.