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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 Charlotte Helena Goss of Chicago, who passed away on July 21, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on September 13, 1943 in Brooklyn, New York; her parents were Ella Marie and James Franklin Williams, Jr.; she attended grammar and high school in Brooklyn and the College of New Rochelle in New York with a full academic scholarship; she received her Master's of Science from Johns Hopkins University and her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, She married William Goss on August 31, 1969 and they moved to Chicago, making their home in Hyde Park; and

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WHEREAS, She taught high school science classes and childhood development courses at various colleges in the City of Chicago; she was also an instructor at the University of Chicago, Perdue University, the University of the District of Columbia, and the City Colleges of Chicago; she worked as a consultant for the City of Chicago and the head-start programs; and

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WHEREAS, She founded Heritage Enterprises in 1989;

1 Heritage Enterprises specialized in multi-media learning  
2 materials for children; she also served as a resource for the  
3 Henry Booth House; and

4 WHEREAS, She loved gardening, with her flowers in the front  
5 of the house and a variety of vegetables in her backyard; she  
6 loved to travel and made trips to various sites in the  
7 Carribean, Europe, and Africa; she loved music of all  
8 varieties; and she loved life and her family; and

9 WHEREAS, Charlotte Goss was preceded in death by her  
10 grandfather, Fitz Roy Daniel; her grandmother, Dolores Daniel;  
11 her father, James Williams, Jr.; her uncles, James Jacob,  
12 Franklin Peterson, Festus Daniel, and William Daniel; and her  
13 best friend, Maude Rawlins; and

14 WHEREAS, Charlotte Goss is survived by her mother, Ella  
15 Williams; her brother, George Williams; her husband, William  
16 Goss; her children, Maisha Goss-Johns (Micardo Johns), Zuri  
17 Goss, Salah Malaika Goss, and Rasanah Goss; her granddaughter,  
18 Mariah; her "sister", Erma Drumgoole; and a close circle of  
19 family and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
22 her family and friends, the passing of Charlotte Helena Goss;

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2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Charlotte Helena Goss as a symbol of  
4 our sincere sympathy.