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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 Bobbie D. Hawkins, who passed away on March 18, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Bobbie Hawkins was born on July 7, 1942, in Dumas, Arkansas; her parents were Amos Burns and Jessie Mae Smith; she married the love of her life, Jon L. Hawkins, on December 11, 1965; and

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WHEREAS, In 1945, Bobbie Hawkins and her family moved to Chicago; after moving to Chicago, she attended Calhoun Elementary School, and then briefly attended Marshall High School before graduating from Hirsch High School; in 1966, she earned her bachelor's degree in education from Roosevelt University; and

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WHEREAS, Bobbie Hawkins had a long and distinguished career in education; she began her career at Beethoven Elementary School in 1966; she continued her career at Sojourner Truth Elementary School and was later transferred to Bennett Elementary School; during her career, she was consistently rated "Excellent" and "Superior" for her dedication and hard work; after her retirement in 2001, she served as a literacy volunteer at Blue Gargoyle Community Services; and

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1           WHEREAS, Bobbie Hawkins enjoyed traveling with her family  
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4           WHEREAS, Bobbie Hawkins is survived by her husband, Jon L.  
5           Hawkins; her daughter, Diane M. Hawkins; her mother, Jessie Mae  
6           Smith; her sister, Joyce Renee Burns; her nephews, Craig Allen  
7           Burns, Keith Burns, Nathan Burns, and Thomas L. Hawkins IV; her  
8           nieces, Valerie Hawkins, Sandra Hawkins, and Sonya Campbell;  
9           and her many colleagues, other relatives, and friends;  
10          therefore, be it

11          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
12          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
13          her family and friends, the passing of Bobbie D. Hawkins; and  
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15          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16          presented to the family of Bobbie Hawkins as an expression of  
17          our sympathy.