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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Ruby Butler, who passed away on December
4 11, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Ruby Butler was born as "Dear Me" on January 23,
6 1926, in Opelika, Alabama; her parents were Offie and Lillie
7 Pitts; and

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WHEREAS, Ruby Butler was raised with her siblings in Salem,
9 Alabama; she attended Flint Hill School and later changed her
10 name to Ruby prior to starting high school; and

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WHEREAS, Ruby Butler accepted Christ at an early age; she
12 attended Weeping Mary Baptist Church in Salem, Alabama; she
13 later attended the Greater Rock M.B. Church in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Ruby Butler was employed as a domestic worker
15 during high school; she later married McClain "Frank" Butler
16 and moved with him to Chicago, where the couple had 4 children;
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WHEREAS, Ruby Butler enjoyed cooking, gardening, and
19 spending time with her family; and

1 WHEREAS, Ruby Butler was preceded in death by her parents;
2 her husband, McClain; her siblings, Mattie Mae Butler, John
3 Wesley Pitts, and Benjamin Frederick Pitts; her sons, Charles
4 and Earl Butler; and her grandson, Winslow Redmond; and

5 WHEREAS, Ruby Butler is survived by her sisters, Malissie
6 McCullor, Evergreen Dotson, and Fanniet Means; her daughters,
7 Lucy (Bobby) Redmond Wright and Juanita (David) Braggs; her
8 daughters-in-law, Sylvia Butler and Diane Butler; her
9 grandchildren, Rochelle (Elwin) Simpson, Wynona Redmond,
10 Frederick (Danielle) Redmond, Jesse Ellebb, Dessie Reynolds,
11 Keshia Braggs, Charlotte (John Butler Myers, Earl Butler, Dearl
12 Butler, Wanda Butler, and Lucerinda Butler; and her many
13 great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 her family and friends, the passing of Ruby Butler; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Ruby Butler as an expression of our
21 sympathy.