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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of E. Beatrice Sam, lovingly known as "Madear", who passed away on December 4, 2010; and

WHEREAS, She was born on October 14, 1922 in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Andrew Ross and Fannie Bell Dunn Ross; and

WHEREAS, She moved to Chicago in 1943, where she met and married Harry Sam on March 6, 1948; she worked at Fred Harvey's and later worked at the Playboy Club until 1965; and

WHEREAS, She confessed Christ and was baptized; she attended St. Leo the Great Catholic Church until its closing and later became a member of St. Kilian Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, She will be remembered for her love for her family, her open door for anyone in need, her love of soul food cooking, and her love for animals; and

WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her sisters, Ethel Mae Robinson, Pearlyne A. Mitchell, and Annie Elizabeth Armstrong; and her children, Thomas E. Robinson, Gladys M. Bridges, and Michael K. Sam; and

1 WHEREAS, E. Beatrice Sam is survived by her husband, Harry;
2 her sister, Hattie M. Nicks; her brother-in-law, John W. Sam;
3 her children, Charles Robinson (Helen), Norma J. Sutton,
4 Beverly J. Hammond, Joyce Y. Calvin (Barry), and Ronald E. Sam;
5 her foster children, Andre Turner and Timothy Cannon; her
6 grandchildren; her great-grandchildren; her
7 great-great-grandchildren; her nieces and nephews; and a host
8 of relatives and friends; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
11 her family and friends, the passing of E. Beatrice Sam; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of E. Beatrice Sam as a symbol of our
15 sincere sympathy.