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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 Julia Louise Yarbrough, who passed away on December 28, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Julia Yarbrough was born on September 22, 1953; her parents were Rayford Maye and Louise Johnson; and

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WHEREAS, Julia Yarbrough confessed her belief in Christ at an early age and joined Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Coatopa, Alabama; after leaving Alabama, she met Rayfield Yarbrough Sr. in the early 1970s; she later joined a loving fellowship with the Gideon Missionary Baptist Church in Waukegan for 43 years, where she served and was a faithful and loyal member of the Christian Education Ministry, the First Aide Ministry, the Youth Ministry, and the Deaconess Board; she and her husband later moved to Florence, Alabama, where she served as a mother at Ekklesia Ministries; and

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WHEREAS, Julia Yarbrough worked for Abbott Laboratory for 32 years until her retirement in 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Julia Yarbrough was preceded in death by her father; her grandmother, Addie B. Harris; her aunts, Katie Mae Moore and Renissa Miller; her uncle, William Miller; her

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1 grandparents, Johnnie Miller, Sr. and Katie Miller; her
2 sister-in-law, Rosie Lee Yarbrough; her nephew, Michael
3 Spears; and her sister, Ruthie Maye; and

4 WHEREAS, Julia Yarbrough is survived by her husband of 42
5 years, Rayfield Yarbrough, Sr.; her son, Rev. Rayfield
6 Yarbrough, Jr. (Qiana); her daughters, Porsha Edwards
7 (Michael) and Candra Yarbrough (Kendrid); her mother; her
8 brothers, Roy Green, James Finch, Mack Miller, Larry Miller,
9 Marshall Johnson, Mark Johnson, Rodney Maye, Keenan Maye, and
10 Shay Maye; her sisters, Gail Johnson, Judy Johnson, Lisa
11 Ramsey, Tasha Stevenson, Egypt Johnson, Regina Maye, Rayeanne
12 Cunningham, Ratanya Wiker, and Bonnie Santiago; her
13 grandchildren, Jalen Yarbrough, Jordan Yarbrough, Raven
14 Edwards, Jeremiah Wheeler-Yarbrough, and Brooklyn Edwards; her
15 dearest cousins, Josephine Woods, Min. Carrie Moore, Ruby Mae
16 West, William Miller, Rev. Richard Miller, and Louis Sellers;
17 her dearest friends, Thelma Williams, Dora King and Cassie
18 Gray, Verner Duty, Cecilia Pryor, and Annie White; and her
19 adopted children, Carla Baldwin, Keyosha Emerson, Apostle and
20 Pastor Fitzgerald and their daughters, Willie (Kendra)
21 Rounsaville, Robert (Sharlett) James, Alvin (Seren) Young, and
22 Theo Allen; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her

1 family and friends, mourn the passing of Julia Louise
2 Yarbrough; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Julia Yarbrough as an expression of
5 our sympathy.