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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Joyce (nee Thomas) Williams of Waukegan,
4 who passed away on April 12, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Joyce Williams was born on August 29, 1929 in
6 Austin, Texas to Roger and Eva Thomas, Sr.; and

7 WHEREAS, Joyce Williams retired as a special education
8 teacher with the Waukegan Independent School District,
9 teaching at Lyons and Washington Schools; and

10 WHEREAS, Joyce Williams was a member of Shiloh Baptist
11 Church of Waukegan, the Waukegan Uptown Lions Club, the Women
12 With Money Investment Club, the North Shore Community Service
13 League, The Links, Incorporated-Harbor Lites Chapter, and the
14 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.-Sigma Phi Zeta Chapter; and

15 WHEREAS, Joyce Williams was preceded in death by her
16 parents; and

17 WHEREAS, Joyce Williams is survived by her husband,
18 Augustus D. Williams; 2 step-daughters, Rossana Williams and
19 Shirlisa (Garland) Hamiltion; 2 step-sons, Gregory Williams
20 and Augustus Williams, III; 5 grandchildren, Dawn Williams,

1 Jordan Williams, Ian Edy, Demetri Morris Williams, and Colin
2 Dean Edwards; 5 siblings, Narva (Therman) Kirby, Mae Thelma
3 Turman, George R. (Cheryl) Thomas, Donna (Alfred) Thomas Clark,
4 and Linda C. Thomas; 3 sisters-in-law, Georgia Nell Thomas,
5 Peggy Shields, and Jackie Williams; 5 nieces, Marsha (Donald)
6 Woods Bratton, Lauralyn E. Jeter, Monica Woods, Eva Lee-Andra
7 Hicks, and Ri-Chard Thomas; 6 nephews, Tillman "Seeker" Woods,
8 Cory House, Richard Kirby, Gregory Karo, Jadaun Clark, and
9 Michael Thomas; 3 cousins, Mary Alice Bess, Judy Carter, and
10 Opal Thomas; 2 goddaughters, Sherida Murphy and Patricia Pitts
11 O'Neal; and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and
12 life-long friends; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Joyce Williams, and extend our sincere condolences to her
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Joyce Williams as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.