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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 Anna Hayden Townsend of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Anna Townsend was born in Cythianna, Kentucky on
5 February 20, 1923 to Ed and Katie Hayden; she graduated from
6 Western High School in Paris in 1941 and attended Kentucky
7 State College before joining the Women's Army Corp in 1943; she
8 married Frank Townsend in 1946 and they had 3 children,
9 Patricia, Cleveland, and Lavelle; and

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WHEREAS, Anna Townsend was a licensed cosmetologist; she
11 retired in 1993 from the Chicago Police Department after 31
12 years of service as a data entry specialist; she worked with
13 co-workers to start the AFSCME union local for civilians at the
14 Chicago Police Department central headquarters; and

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WHEREAS, Anna Townsend believed in getting involved in her
16 community and local politics; she joined the Young Democrats in
17 the early 1960s; she served as a board member of the Henry
18 Booth House, as a Brownie and Intermediate Girl Scout troop
19 leader and Boy Scout den mother, and she actively participated
20 in the Parent-Teacher Associations in the schools that her
21 children attended; she volunteered with the March of Dimes, the
22 Cancer Society, the United Negro College Fund, the Urban

1 League, the Renaissance Court in the Chicago Cultural Center,
2 and The South Shore Opera Guild; and

3 WHEREAS, Anna Townsend was a resident of the South Shore
4 neighborhood for the past 42 years; she was a life-long member
5 of the Methodist Church, and, most recently, a member of South
6 Shore United Methodist Church; and

7 WHEREAS, Anna Townsend is survived by her brother, Paul
8 Hayden; her daughter, Patricia Townsend Knazze; her son,
9 Cleveland Townsend (Theresa); and her granddaughters, Lisa
10 Knazze Washington (Walter, Jr.), Kaira, and Kealy Townsend;
11 therefore, be it

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

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Anna Townsend as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.