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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 Bettye Alice Williams of St. Louis, Missouri, who passed away on January 12, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Bettye Williams was born in Lexington, Mississippi on December 28, 1919 to Nathan Tate and Serena Rice-Tate; she graduated from Saints Industrial and Literary School; she married Joseph Levy Williams on May 6, 1939; and

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WHEREAS, Following graduation, Bettye Williams began working as a hairstylist; she held a customer service position at Montgomery Ward for several years; and

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WHEREAS, Bettye Williams was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and enjoyed watching them play in the World Series; she also enjoyed tending to her flower and vegetable gardens; and

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WHEREAS, Bettye Williams was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, and her children, Lorraine, Johnathon, Carl, and two children who did not make it to term; and

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WHEREAS, Bettye Williams is survived by her sisters, Cornelia Suggs (William "Bill" Suggs) and Chleo Anderson; her children, JoEvelyn Williams, Karen Horton, Tyrone Williams,

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1 and Pamela Jacobs; her grandchildren, Rochelle Bays, Jerome  
2 Giddens, Elise Cox, Christopher Battle, Jr. (Kwalnzia "Luci"  
3 Battle), Crystal Battle, Michelle Battle, Sydney Battle,  
4 Michael Battle, Destiny Pitt, Samantha Williams, Devin Reed,  
5 Angelique Jacobs, and Brandon Gilliam; her nieces and nephews,  
6 Denise Rixter, Junior Anderson, and Glenda Anderson; her  
7 great-grandchildren, Damien, Ariana, Cordelia, Monte, Deonte,  
8 Jermel, Victor, Kyla, S'rena, Christopher III, Christon,  
9 Elizabeth, Precious, and Neil; and a host of  
10 great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family, and  
11 friends; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 Bettye Alice Williams, and extend our sincere condolences to  
15 her 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 Bettye Williams as an expression of  
19 our deepest sympathy.