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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 Bessie Lee Williams, who passed away on
4 March 13, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Bessie Williams was born in Mt. Bayou, Mississippi
6 on May 30, 1930 to Eddie and Minola Hunter; she attended
7 schools in Shelby, Mississippi; she married Clarence Williams
8 on April 25, 1948 and they settled in Chicago in 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Bessie Williams was a member of Shiloh Missionary
Baptist Church; and

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WHEREAS, Bessie Williams was preceded in death by her
husband of 57 years, Clarence; her daughter, Diane Ramey; her 2
grandsons, Fredrick Williams and Jerome Bennett, Jr.; her
parents; and 7 of her siblings; and

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WHEREAS, Bessie Williams is survived by her 5 daughters,
Ethel Joyner (Reynold), Mildred Bennett (Jerome, Sr.), Tammy
Brown (Arch), Tisa, and Michele Toney (Kenneth); her 6 sons,
Clarence, Jr., Jimmy (Jeanette), James (Darlene), Henry
(Venetria), Kenneth, and Michael (Alberta); her 2 brothers,
Council and Henry Hunter; her 29 grandchildren; her 42
great-grandchildren; her 4 great-great-grandchildren; her

1 God-daughter, Cynthia Cooley; her God-son, Tommie Cooper; a
2 host of other relatives; a special friend, Lorraine Hailey; and
3 a host of other friends; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Bessie Lee Williams, and extend our sincere condolences to her
7 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Bessie Williams as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.