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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 Sadie Frances Picarda, who passed away on June 25, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Sadie Picarda was born on January 24, 1929 to Gonzie and Lola Coleman; she attended Coleman Elementary School and Dunbar Vocational High School, where she majored in dressmaking; and

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WHEREAS, Sadie Picarda used her vocational dressmaking skills throughout her extensive working career with Wilson Garments; during her time there, she served as President of her Local International Ladies Garment Workers Union; she advanced to become Head Sample Dressmaker, retiring in 1992; after retirement, she remained active and continued in her chosen profession, teaching dressmaking in her home and making countless garments for herself and for proms, weddings, fashion shows, and special occasions; and

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WHEREAS, Sadie Picarda enjoyed spending time with her -family and friends; she loved exploring new places and attending cultural and art events; she traveled to Europe, the Caribbean, and various locations throughout the United States; she was a long-time member of the Chicago Sinfonietta and The

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1 Chicago Art Institute; she loved to entertain and cook, and on
2 any given weekend, she could be found entertaining friends and
3 family; and

4 WHEREAS, Sadie Picarda is survived by her siblings, Helen
5 Dawson, Dorothy Green, and Danny Robinson; her children, Eric
6 Coleman, Sheila Collins, Robert Davenport, Tyrone Dalton, and
7 Jerome Dalton; her grandchildren, Marla Coleman Wiley (Ryan),
8 Jeree Dalton, and Tyrah Dalton; her great-grandson, Ryan G.
9 Wiley; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Sadie Frances Picarda, and extend our sincere condolences to
14 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Sadie Picarda as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.