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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 Earlene Range, who passed away on July 7, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Earlene Range was born on September 8, 1956 in Chicago; her parents were Cleo Smith and Joann White; she married Edward Range, Sr. on September 18, 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Earlene Range attended James Wadsworth Elementary School and graduated from Hype Park Academy in 1974; she also attended the Computer System Institute, where she majored in business; and

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WHEREAS, As a teenager, Earlene Range worked at a tackle shop; later in life, she worked at numerous jobs, including Nelson Brothers Furniture, Heilig Meyers Furniture, the AAA Motor Club, and the American Dental Hygienist Association; and

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WHEREAS, At the age of 12, Earlene Range was baptized and joined the Lower Light Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Fred Gregory; after years of fellowship at Lower Light, she joined New Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of her son, Rev. Edward E. Range, Jr.; on April 29, 2012, she moved her membership to St. Paul

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1 Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Joel D.
2 Taylor; at St. Paul, she served as Vice President of the Women
3 Intermediate Auxiliary and the Men's and Women Choirs; she also
4 attended weekly Wednesday night Bible classes; and

5 WHEREAS, Earlene Range enjoyed spending the weekends at her
6 mother-in-law's house, participating in family functions,
7 traveling, and spending time with her son, her grandchildren,
8 and her church family; and

9 WHEREAS, Earlene Range was preceded in death by her
10 parents; her grandparents; and 4 brothers-in-law, Elias,
11 Halford, Halvord, and David; and

12 WHEREAS, Earlene Range is survived by her husband, Edward,
13 Sr.; her son, Rev. Edward Range, Jr.; a grandson, Errik Range;
14 a daughter, Yolanda (Michael) Maura; an aunt, Carmen (Tyrone)
15 Oakley; 4 grandchildren, Burnell and Jazmine Gatlin and
16 Michaela and Mekhi Maura; 3 special sons, Peter Taylor, Keith
17 Brown, and Vernon Vickers; 11 brothers and sisters-in-law,
18 Shirley Dodd, Barbara Jackson, Frances, Lolieta, Mary Jane,
19 Hermein (Hal) Baskin, Marietta, David, Lloyd, Paul (Mary), and
20 Shaneice; 3 special friends, Julia Mahan, Angelo Nutall, and
21 Julie Pickens; and her many nieces, nephews, cousins, and
22 friends; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
3 family and friends, mourn the passing of Earlene Range; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Earlene Range as an expression of
7 our sympathy.