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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Theresa Maria Marks "Teet" Lee, who passed away on January 5, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Theresa Lee was born in New Orleans, Louisiana to Lottie Jefferson Marks and Jason B. Marks, Sr. on November 17, 1941; she was baptized at an early age and stayed dedicated between her 2 home churches - Wesley Ray United Methodist Church in Angie, Louisiana and Olivet United Methodist Church in Chicago; she became "Mrs. Lee" on July 6, 1978 and was married for over 40 years; and

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WHEREAS, Theresa Lee served in many areas of her church, including Pastor Parish, the food pantry, and the soup kitchen for the homeless; she attended several Northern Conferences in DeKalb and other areas as a faithful secretary and also a Girl Scout Leader; and

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WHEREAS, Theresa Lee enjoyed fishing, crabbing, cooking, and traveling between Angie, Louisiana and Chicago with her children, foster children, and grandchildren; everybody knew her grandsons as the "chicken boys", from "Hot Garm Boogie Baby" (Quovadis) to "Lil' Kivo" (Kenyen); she won Foster Parent of the Year certificates for fostering children that were wards

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1 of the State, ranging from newborn to 10-years-old; and

2 WHEREAS, Theresa Lee was preceded in death by her son,
3 Kiven Marks; her mother, Lottie Jefferson Marks; her father,
4 Jason B. Marks, Sr.; her sisters, Effie Marks, Evelyn Marks
5 Williams, and Bennie Marks Lewis; her stepson, Lewis Lee, Jr.;
6 and her great-grandson, Kiven Martin, Jr.; and

7 WHEREAS, Theresa Lee is survived by her daughters, Cynthia
8 (Donna) Bickham, Alicia (Terrell) Evans, Tiffany Lee, and Ada
9 Lee; her son, Shawn Lee; her son through marriage, Dennis
10 (Elaine) Lee; her 3 grandsons, U.S.A.F. (non-active) Quovadis
11 (Kayla) Bickham, U.S.M.C. (non-active) Kiven Martin, and James
12 "SchNOW" "CTP" "Joey 357" Kidd, Jr.; her additional grandsons
13 through marriage; her 2 granddaughters, Jessica (Andriana)
14 Bickham and Alexia-Jamese Watt; her extended granddaughters,
15 Tracy Lee, Cierra Evans, and Caprece and Chalece Dixon; her
16 additional granddaughters through marriage; her 3
17 great-grandsons, Quovadis Bickham II, Kenyen Cotton-Martin,
18 and Quovari Bickham; her extended great-grandsons, Michael
19 Givens and Antonio Carpenter, Jr.; her additional
20 great-grandsons through marriage; her godsons, Kelvin
21 (Valerie) Williams, Bonito Marks, Jr., and Shemar Price; her
22 goddaughters, Alexis Smith, Brittny Hamilton, Tasha Harry,
23 Jalisa Jefferson, Zena Jefferson, and Nevaeh Marks; her
24 additional godsons, former Denver Nuggets 6th Man Marcus

1 Liberty, and R&B artist Robert "R. Kelly" Kelly, Sr.; her 3
2 sisters, Emma Elaine Powell, Daisy L. Hall, and Alfretia V.
3 Marks; her 2 brothers, Jason B. (Annie) Marks, Jr. and Harold
4 (Marilyn) Marks; her brother-in-law, Watson O'Neal Brown; her
5 special cousin, Rev. Lester (Mary) Minter; her favorite uncle,
6 Marvin (Athrin) Jefferson; her ex son-in-law, Jesse (Gail)
7 Bickham; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; and
8 5 family pets, Rock, Victory, China, Mia, and Tre; therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Theresa Maria Marks "Teet" Lee, and extend our sincere
13 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
14 her; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Theresa Lee as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.