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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 Lillie Pearl Williams, who passed away on June 19, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Lillie Williams was born on July 27, 1927 in Greenwood, Mississippi; her parents were George and Lillie Stigler; after the death of her parents, her older sister and brother-in-law moved the family to Chicago in 1942; and

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WHEREAS, Lillie Williams worked for a fur company for many years and was able to look at mink coats and tell if they were real; she was later employed at the Brach's Candy Company; and

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WHEREAS, Lillie Williams accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age; she later joined Proviso Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Claude Porter; and

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WHEREAS, Lillie Williams' home was always open to family members who needed her help; she enjoyed being around her good friends and family, especially her sisters; and

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WHEREAS, Lillie Williams was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Williams; her parents; four sisters; and two brothers; and

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1           WHEREAS, Lillie Williams is survived by her children,  
2           Walter, Jr., Lawrence, and Gloria Jean; her grandchildren and  
3           great-grandchildren; her sisters, Clara Hood and Lula (Evelyn)  
4           Strickland; her sister-in-law, Derethia Stigler; and many  
5           nephews, nieces and friends; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
7           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her  
8           family and friends, mourn the passing of Lillie Pearl Williams;  
9           and be it further

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