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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Frances Cowan Clayborne, who passed away on June 18, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Frances Cowan Clayborne was born in 1915 in Wahalak, Mississippi to the late Will Cowan and Matilda Nicholson; and

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WHEREAS, On August 6, 1935, Frances Cowan was united in marriage to the Reverend James D. Clayborne; to this union five children were born; she was preceded in death by her husband and her son, Frederick; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Clayborne confessed a hope in Christ at an early age; she moved from East St. Louis after her marriage and joined the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Clayborne learned a trade and received a license to practice Cosmetology; and

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WHEREAS, Frances, or "Big Mama" as she was affectionately called by her grandchildren, was a quiet mannered, gentle, unassuming, and soft spoken woman who could put you on the right track in the event you happened to stray; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Clayborne was an active member of the Pastor's Wives Guild for many years; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Frances Cowan Clayborne will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her children, Clarence, Dr. James F. Clayborne, Barbara (husband, Johnny) King, and Geraldine (husband, Dr. Hillard) Scott; her grandchildren, Cheri (husband, Gary) Smith, Celia (husband, Clifton) Daniel, Dwight Holly, De'Juan Lockett, Johnny King III, State Senator James (wife, Staci) Clayborne, Jocelyn

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1 (husband, Tesfa) McKinley, Hilary L. Scott, and Cheryl
2 Clayborne; her step-grandchildren, Hillard D. Scott, Robin
3 (husband, Marcus) Stevenson, Pamela Clayton; her 23
4 great-grandchildren; her 2 great-great-grandchildren; her
5 brother, the Reverend William Cowan; her sisters-in-law, Mary
6 Spires, Mamie Bolden, Edna Clayborne, and Ophelia Clayborne;
7 her brother-in-law, Calvin Clayborne; her nieces; her
8 nephews; her devoted cousins, Ruth Naylor and Ike (wife,
9 Evie) Nicholson; and her other relatives and friends;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
13 all who knew her, the death of Frances Cowan Clayborne; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Frances Cowan Clayborne with our
17 sincere condolences.