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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Grethel Evadney Eversley, who passed away 4 in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Grethel Eversley was born in the City of Belize to Henry George and Kathleen Adeilia James on April 17, 1934; the third of ten children, she moved with her family to Bermuda in 1954; while most of her family remained in Bermuda, she graduated from The Rhode Island Business and Reading Institute with a certificate of specialization in general office skills on June 29 1973; simultaneously, she graduated from the State Rhode Island & Providence Plantations Department of Education, where she earned her Senior High School Equivalency Diploma; she went back to Bermuda in 1978, and when she returned to the United States, she completed the All-Metro received her certificate Aides Program; she also consecration as a deaconess at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Jamaica, New York on January 30, 1994; that same year, she earned a certificate of achievement from the Shiloh Baptist Church Scholarship Committee for her distinguished leadership; and

WHEREAS, Grethel Eversley worked as a licensed Family Day Care Mother in the State of Rhode Island from 1973 until 1978; and

WHEREAS, Grethel Eversley was committed to her faith and a self-taught theologian; she enjoyed reading the Bible and collecting antiques, porcelain figurines, crystal glasses, antique cups, and vintage pots; in celebration of her family, pictures of the people who mattered most to her adorned her home; her children brought her great joy; and

WHEREAS, Grethel Eversley is survived by her children, Betty, Eugene, and Glenn; her grandchildren, Zakia, Simaya, Simona, Eujon, Alexander, and Kamil; her great-granddaughter, Sariah; her daughters-in-law, Donyale and Tonita; her brothers, Gerald, George, Maurice, Ronald, and Richard; her sisters, Phyllis, Claudia, and Grace; her sisters-in-law, Mary, Marion, Valerie, and Rose; her aunt, Hortense Gill; her nephews, Eugene, Wayne, Robert, George Jr., Stanley, Maurice, Anthony, Edward, Kheri, Omar, Hafid, and Kyle; her nieces, Debra, Jennifer, Gina, Renee, Dorothy, Lisa, Angela, Amber, Marika, Tisha, and Ronnele; her many great-nephews and great-nieces; her special friend, Maria Santana Miladias; and her many other friends; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Grethel Evadney Eversley and extend our sincere condolences to

- 1 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
- 2 further
- 3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 4 presented to the family of Grethel Eversley as an expression of
- 5 our deepest sympathy.