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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Anna Wall Scott of Urbana, who passed 4 away on June 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Anna Scott was known for her political and social accomplishments; she enlisted in the United States Army after graduating from high school and served during World War II as one of the first members of the Women's Army Corps; she earned three degrees from the University of Illinois; and

- 10 WHEREAS, Anna Scott taught sociology at Parkland College 11 for over 40 years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Anna Scott was the first woman in the State to be 13 elected to the Democratic State Central Committee; she served as vice chairwoman of the State Democratic Party with the late 14 15 Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley and was a member of the Democratic National Committee, where she served as a delegate 16 to the nominating convention that led to the election of 17 18 President Jimmy Carter; later in her public career, she switched to the Republican Party; and 19
- 20 WHEREAS, Anna Scott was active in her community and a 21 strong voice at Bethel AME Church; she desegregated the

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- 1 Champaign Department of Public Aid and was a charter member of
- 2 the Urbana Human Relations Committee; she was the first black
- 3 female commander of the American Legion Post 559 and worked
- 4 tirelessly to honor veterans from every conflict and to
- 5 advocate for their rights; she was dynamic and outspoken and an
- 6 important voice for social change; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Anna Scott is survived by her son, Harvey Grant
- 8 Wall; therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
- 10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 11 Anna Wall Scott and extend our sincere condolences to her
- 12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
- 13 further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- presented to the family of Anna Scott as an expression of our
- deepest sympathy.