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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Bessie Mae Brown of Alton on July 31, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown was born January 15, 1935 in Cleveland, Mississippi, to Johnnie and Minerva (Zolicoffer) Blue; she married Rev. Carnell Brown Sr. on November 28, 1957; and

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WHEREAS, She was a bus driver for the Alton School System and also for Bi-State Bus System, from where she retired in 2001; and

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WHEREAS, She was a member of St. James Baptist Church for 39 years and was active in all aspects of the church; later, she was a member of Cherry Street Baptist Church in Alton, where she was active in B.S.F. Bible study and the choir; she loved flowers and her family; and

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WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her father and her daughter, Little Bessie Brown; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Bessie Mae Brown is felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her husband; her mother, Minerva Furlow; her daughters, Sherry McCrady and husband Rev. Darrell and Reba Brown; her sons, Carnell Brown Jr. and wife Vicki, Rev. Raynard Brown and wife Ann, and Aaron Brown; and her 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Bessie Mae Brown and extend our sincerest condolences to her family, friends, and community; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
2 sympathy.