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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Susie M. Jones Williams on Wednesday, May 3, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on June 20, 1917, in West Point, Mississippi, to Julia and William Jones Sr.; she was a very vocal child and enjoyed singing from the age of ten years old; she accepted Christ as her personal savior on August 1, 1927, and was baptized; and

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WHEREAS, She married Eugene Williams Sr. on January 28, 1934, and they shared 53 years of marriage; in 1943, they moved to Chicago, where she became a member of Holy Rock Baptist Church and went on to join Omega Missionary Baptist Church in 1962; and

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WHEREAS, As a member of Omega, she was active in the Doctor Watts Group and the Evelyn Blair Club; she attended Omega until 1982, when the Greater Omega Missionary Baptist Church was formed; she was always very active with the prayer band and other ministries; she was loved and respected by her church family, and God was a very important part of her life; she became a member of Progressive Community Church in later years; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was preceded in death by her father and mother, William and Julia Jones Sr.; her husband, Eugene Williams Sr.; her son, Booker T. Williams; her son-in-law, Benjamin Smith Sr.; her granddaughter, Cheryl Smith; and her great-grandson, Eric Washington; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Susie M. Jones Williams has been deeply felt by many, especially her children, Hattie Cherry (Lott), Estella Smith, Robert L. Williams, Eugene Williams, Jr.

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1 (Darcelle), Morris M. Williams (Vernie), Raymond Williams
2 (Lucille), and Stevie Williams; her 28 grandchildren; Helen
3 Williams (whom she raised); her 18 great-grandchildren; her 13
4 great-great-grandchildren; and her many nieces, nephews,
5 cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Susie M. Jones Williams, and we extend our sincere condolences
9 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
13 sympathy.