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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Charlotte M. Brown of Alton, who passed away on January 4, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, She married Benjamin A. Brown on November 23, 1963; she was a proud graduate of Alton High School and attended SIU-Alton to study business and nursing courses; and

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WHEREAS, Charlotte Brown was active in many organizations, including her family music group, the Jones Sisters Ensemble; she was a member of the Alton Jubilee Mass Community Choir and a former member of the Gospel Music Workshop of America; and

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WHEREAS, Charlotte Brown and her sister, the late Irma J. Jones, organized a Federated Girls Club under the National Association of Colored Women's Club (NACWC); the sisters and other members later formed Tri Del Federated Club Women and the Clovette Civic Girls Club; she served as supervisor of the Clovettes for more than 40 years; as part of NACWC she served in various offices at both regional and State levels, working with young people to help improve their lives; and

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WHEREAS, She was actively involved at Campbell Chapel and later St. Paul AME St. Louis, serving in the young people's

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1 department, steward board, Sunday School, choir, and other
2 auxiliaries; and she served as church secretary at Campbell
3 Chapel for a number of years; and

4 WHEREAS, She worked at the YWCA as a receptionist for many
5 years, at the Alton School Systems for 30 years, and as an
6 independent Mary Kay consultant for 27 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Charlotte Brown's life was one of service,
8 inspiration, strength, and beauty; she used her life to
9 positively touch the lives of countless young people and
10 friends; and

11 WHEREAS, Charlotte Brown was preceded in death by her
12 parents, Reverend Damon and Willie Ann Jones; her brother, the
13 Reverend Damon Jones; her sisters, Irma and Doris Jones; her
14 godson, Patrick Jones; and her nephews, Lawrence Gray and Gary
15 Saunders; and

16 WHEREAS, The memory of Charlotte Brown will be cherished by
17 her husband, Benjamin; her daughter, Sharla (Ky) Ajayi; her
18 granddaughters, Dayo and Sade Ajayi; her sisters, Reverend Jean
19 (Oscar) Gatewood and Janie Rainey; her brothers, Raymond
20 (Josie) Jones, Ronald Jones, and Joseph Jones; her sisters,
21 Waleen Jones, Joyce Jones, Gwen Barrett, and Willie Delores
22 (Linwood) Elliott; her nieces, nephews, cousins, close

1 friends, and club sisters; her godsons, Michael Gray, and
2 Delaney Seales; her goddaughter, Kametra Elliott; and her
3 special niece, Ranetta Jones; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
6 her family, friends, and all who knew her, the passing of
7 Charlotte Brown; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Charlotte Brown as a symbol of our
10 deepest sympathy.