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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to extend their sincere condolences to our colleague and friend, Senator Donne Trotter, upon hearing of the news of his mother's passing; and

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WHEREAS, Carita Nancy Louise Trotter was born February 16, 1924 in Olmsted; she was raised in Cairo by her grandmother Louise Caldwell, a music teacher at the local high school; it was under her grandmother's tutelage that she gained an appreciation for music and became an accomplished pianist and a gifted vocalist; and

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WHEREAS, Carita graduated from Lane College, a historically black college in Jackson, Tennessee, where she was crowned "Miss Lane College", pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and was a member of the "Dragonettes", a traveling choral group; she was also active in numerous clubs and other organizations; and

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WHEREAS, After graduation, Carita taught elementary school before working at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; she honorably retired with 34 years of government service; and she was a dedicated servant of the Lord; while attending a church revival, Carita caught the eye of James

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1 Trotter, the son of Reverend W. C. Trotter; they courted and
2 were united in marriage, November 25, 1946, and to this union,
3 three precious children were born: Darryl, Donne, and Jakita;
4 Carita praised the Lord in a ministry of music as the organist
5 and pianist at her father-in-law's church; a few of her
6 favorite songs were "Open Our Eyes, Precious Lord" and "Goin'
7 Up Yonder"; and

8 WHEREAS, Carita was totally dedicated to her family first
9 and foremost, though her passion for the Chicago Bull's
10 basketball team came a close second; she often joked that she
11 did not enjoy cooking, but the family shares memories of her
12 culinary skills; there are also memories of her toiling over an
13 ironing board to perfectly starch and iron her sons' shirts
14 until they could practically stand by themselves and memories
15 of the fun and engaging bridge club parties she had with her
16 girlfriends; and

17 WHEREAS, Her greatest gifts were her generous spirit,
18 compassion, integrity, and quiet strength; Carita's mother,
19 Bertha Moss, 102 years young, resides in Toledo, Ohio; and

20 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her loving
21 sister-in-law, Jessye; her half sister, Barbara; and her
22 beloved husband, James; and

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Carita Trotter will be deeply felt
2 by her mother, Bertha; her children, Darryl, Illinois State
3 Senator Donne Trotter, and Jakita; her grandchildren Carlotta,
4 Darryl Jr., Natatia, and Elijah; her seven
5 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
9 her family and friends, the passing of Carita Trotter; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Carita Trotter as a symbol of our
13 sincere sympathy.