## SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Ethel Lee Lewis, who passed away on April 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Lee Lewis was born on March 2, 1925; her parents were Holly Parks and Olivia "Levie" Parks; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Lee Lewis married the late Roscoe Bunn in 1950 in Mississippi; four years after the birth of their first child, the couple moved to Chicago in search of new employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Lee Lewis married the late Ervin Porter in 1956; together, they had one daughter in 1957; the couple was blessed with nine years together as she managed their household while doing domestic work outside the home as well; and

WHEREAS, In the mid-1970s, Ethel Lee Lewis married the late Elgin Lewis; the couple remained in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Lee Lewis enjoyed gospel music, shopping for shoes to accessorize her hand-made dresses, studying herbs and natural holistic health care, watching "I Love Lucy", and entertaining dinner guests; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Lee Lewis was a member of the Emerald Avenue Church of God (later renamed Covenant Faith Church of God) for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Lee Lewis was preceded in death by her husbands; her parents; her sister, Thessalonians; and her brothers, Grady, AB, and Levi; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Lee Lewis is survived by her sisters, Elsie, Omega, Elizabeth Myrtle, and Jean; her brothers, Dewayne and Holly, Jr.; her children, Quinton and Leviticus; and her grandchildren, Jermaine, Leviticus II, Edna, and Alana; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of Ethel Lee Lewis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Ethel Lee Lewis as an expression of our sympathy.

