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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 Katherine I. Higginbottom, who recently passed away; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on November 20, 1923, the first child of Ulysses and Pearl Skaggs; she was cared for as a youngster by her paternal grandparents, Ellen and William Tetter, on their farm in Hopkins Park; and

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WHEREAS, As she grew she continued to help her grandparents on the farm, developing a love for animals and a serious industriousness; she would help pick blueberries, raise the animals, cut out paper dolls, and play mumbley peg with a pocket knife; and

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WHEREAS, She graduated from St. Anne High School in St. Anne, and walked alone down the aisle at graduation because her white classmate would not walk with her; she later went on a double date with her sister and Elzie Higginbottom; she pronounced that she would rather be reading than be on the date but things went smoothly and together Elzie and she shared 60 years of wedded bliss; and

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WHEREAS, She worked at the Joliet Arsenal, stacking mortar

1 rounds and eventually being promoted to a clerical position;
2 during this time she and her husband ran a small produce store,
3 where she sold fish; in 1956, her husband opened a laundromat
4 known as the Morgan Park Laundromat, which is still in
5 operation today; and

6 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband; her 3
7 sisters and her 3 brothers; and

8 WHEREAS, Katherine Higginbottom is survived by her sons,
9 Elzie Jr. (Deborah) and Eric (Shontae); her grandchildren,
10 William, Carter, Caroline, and Parker; her sisters and
11 brothers, Vivian Lee, Madaline Skaggs Graves, Roy Skaggs,
12 Kenneth Skaggs, Joan C. Wells, and Sandra Sangster; a host of
13 nieces and nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 her family and friends, the passing of Katherine I.
18 Higginbottom; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Katherine I. Higginbottom as a
21 symbol of our sincere sympathy.