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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 Bertha "Boots" Harrison of Alton, who passed away on April 27, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, She was born December 24, 1935, to the union of Milton and Dorothy (Hawkins) Stewart in Jersey County; Boots, as she was affectionately called, attended and graduated from the Jerseyville public schools; and

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WHEREAS, In July 1955, the former Ms. Stewart married Walter "Bubble" Harrison Sr.; Mrs. Harrison was employed for John Olin as a day worker, the Madison County Court House as an elevator operator, and the Madison County Juvenile Detention Center, retiring in 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Sister Bertha received Christ at an early age and was baptized at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church under the late Pastor William Binford; she was a lifelong member of the church and served as matron, mass choir member, and worked on the kitchen committee; Boots also was faithful member of the Merry Hearts; and

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WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; her brother, William Stewart; and her granddaughter, Zariah

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1 Harrison; and

2 WHEREAS, Celebrating the lasting legacy of Mrs. Bertha L.
3 Harrison are her sons, Robert (Suzanne), Steven, Pastor Gregory
4 (Eddie Mae), and Walter "Juney" (Cookie) Jr.; her special
5 daughter-in-law, Theresa Harrison; her 13 grandchildren; her
6 30 great-grandchildren; her 3 great-great-grandchildren; her
7 sisters, Loretta (Gerald) Hutchinson and Marie (Rick) Stewart;
8 her brother, Kenneth Stewart; her special cousins, James
9 (Claudette) Day, Delores "Faye" (Richard) Hutchinson, and Dave
10 (Vivian) Greer; her good friend, Anna Mae Lewis; and a host of
11 nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 her family and friends, the passing of Bertha "Boots" Harrison;
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Bertha "Boots" Harrison as a symbol
18 of our sincere sympathy.