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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 Delores Winifred Storman Ray, who passed away on March 7, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Delores Ray was born on July 16, 1935, in Shannon, Mississippi; her parents were the late Robert Perry Storman, Sr. and Ora Mae Lyons Storman; and

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WHEREAS, Delores Ray attended Garfield and Carver Elementary Schools, and received her high school diploma from East St. Louis Senior High School at the age of 15; she subsequently attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for 2 years; while there, she was inducted into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Nu Chapter; in 1954, she entered the Washington University School of Medicine's Department of Physical Therapy, where she earned her bachelor's degree in 1956; she later earned her master's degree in health administration from Webster University; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from college, Delores Ray accepted a position as a physical therapist at Blodgett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan; in 1960, she returned home to East St. Louis, where she accepted a position in physical therapy at Centreville Township Hospital; in the

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1 fall of 1968, Christian Welfare Hospital she was offered a
2 position as a physical therapist at Christian Welfare Hospital,
3 which led to her heading the hospital's entire Rehabilitation
4 Unit; in 1981, she joined the Comprehensive Mental Health
5 Center of St. Clair County, where she served as Executive
6 Director until her retirement in 2000; and

7 WHEREAS, Delores Ray was a member of Southern Mission
8 Missionary Baptist Church, under the religious guidance of
9 Pastor Jerome Jackson; she was an active member and was
10 appointed to the trustee board at the church; she was also
11 chair of the church's scholarship committee; and

12 WHEREAS, Delores Ray was an active member and past
13 President of the East St. Louis Alumnae; she served as
14 President of the Delta Economic Development Corporation Board
15 for 8 years and was instrumental in helping to build the Delta
16 Child Development Center; she was also a board member for
17 Storman-Stufflin School (Storman Academy) for many years; and

18 WHEREAS, Delores Ray is survived by her husband of 43
19 years, Frank James Ray; her daughter, Karen Delores Cross; her
20 son, Jason Frank Ray; her sister, Jacqueline Storman Turnage;
21 her brother, Robert Perry Storman; her aunt, Addie Oldham; her
22 sisters-in-law, Catherine Jones, Constance Owens, and Deborah
23 Storman; her brothers-in-law, Paul Turnage and Floyd Ray; her

1 sister-cousins, Anita Cooley and Sheila Oldham; her special
2 nieces and nephews; her friend-sisters, Minnie Austin and
3 Jacqueline Settles; her many loving relatives and friends; and
4 her caregivers, Priscilla Mason and Deborah Storman;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
8 her family and friends, the passing of Delores Winifred Storman
9 Ray; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Delores Ray as an expression of our
12 sympathy.