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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Hazel M. Keith, who passed away on April 21, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Hazel M. Keith was born on May 6, 1913 to Romeo and Estella Nave in Corinth, Mississippi; she married Kenneth L. Keith in Chicago, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Hazel M. Keith attended Lucy Flower and Hyde Park High School; she later attended Edgewood Junior College and Hyde Park Junior College at the age of sixteen; she became one of the youngest ever to pass the Real Estate Brokers Exam through her education at the YMCA College and Northwestern University; while in Washington, D.C., she attended the Department of Agriculture School and Howard University; and

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WHEREAS, Hazel M. Keith worked as a Navy Auditor in Washington, D.C. and received clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation; she then passed an accounting test at the Office of Price Administration, and afterwards began her service with the office; and

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WHEREAS, In addition, Hazel M. Keith became head of the girls at Wake Hall, where she authored two plays entitled, "Miss Liberty Revue", which was performed at Wake Hall, the YMCA, and Walter Reed Hospital, and had several compliments, most notably by Ms. Eleanor Roosevelt, and "Miss Peppermint"; and

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WHEREAS, Upon returning to Chicago, Hazel Keith returned to working in Real Estate and took up additional duties as an income tax consultant; and

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WHEREAS, Hazel M. Keith was a native of the Morgan Park community, where she dedicated her time and talents to

1 various organizations; and

2 WHEREAS, Hazel M. Keith was active in the political arena
3 and corresponded with such notables as Janet Reno, former
4 President William Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Alexis M. Herman,
5 Willie Brown, Jr., Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillas, Diann
6 Feinstein, Edward M. Kennedy, Monsignor P. Sardi, and former
7 Vice President Al Gore, and Tipper Gore; and

8 WHEREAS, Since 1988, Hazel Keith lived in Concordia Manor
9 in Napa, California where she served as President of the
10 Concordia Resident Board and as a mentor to many; and

11 WHEREAS, The passing of Hazel M. Keith will be deeply
12 felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her sons,
13 Kenneth L. Keith Jr. (wife, Jacqueline), and Stanley Keith
14 (wife, Kim-Lum); her sisters, Wilma S. (husband, William Sr.)
15 Crawford and Dorothy (husband, Herman Sr.) Baker; her
16 brother-in-law, Donald Jackson; her seven grandchildren; her
17 sixteen great grandchildren; her three great-great
18 grandchildren; her nieces; her nephews; and her many
19 relatives and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
22 all who knew her, the death of Hazel M. Keith of Napa,
23 California; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to the family of Hazel M. Keith with our sincere
26 condolences.