

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of  
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Verna Mae  
4 Franklin on Tuesday, January 7, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Franklin was born August 21, 1938 in Bolton,  
6 Mississippi to Albert Johnson and Louise Johnson Blackwell,  
7 the fourth of five children; she was baptized at an early age  
8 at Pilgrim Rest in Bolton, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Franklin attended Leath Elementary School  
10 and Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis, Tennessee;  
11 she married Troy Lee Franklin on November 3, 1956; and

12 WHEREAS, The passing of Verna Mae Franklin has been  
13 deeply felt by many, especially her daughters, Yvonne  
14 (Kenneth) Davis, Carol (Chris) Davis, Cynthia Franklin, Cathy  
15 Franklin, and Mary Franklin; her sons, Troy Lee Franklin,  
16 Jr., Stanley (Ronda) Franklin, and Sam Lee Franklin; her  
17 sisters, Earnestine Marchbanks, Inez (John) Brown, and Maggie  
18 Mae (L.C.) Price; her 20 grandchildren; her 6  
19 great-grandchildren; her sisters-in-law, Ada Wilder and Nancy  
20 Jean Woodall; her brother-in-law, L.C. (Alice) Franklin; and  
21 a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and  
22 friends; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing  
25 of Verna Mae Franklin and offer our sincerest condolences to  
26 her family and friends; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
28 presented to the family of Verna Mae Franklin with our  
29 deepest sympathy.