

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs.
4 Earnestine Collins of East St. Louis on Friday, March 28,
5 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Collins was born on August 7, 1938 in
7 Friarspoint, Mississippi to Amos and Josephine Sanders; she
8 married Sidney Collins, Sr., on June 8, 1957; they had eight
9 children together; her son, Master Sidney Collins, III, and
10 her husband preceded her in death; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Collins was nicknamed "Stine"; she was a
12 member of Mt. Paran Full Gospel Church in East St. Louis
13 where she served on the Mother's Board and worked on the roof
14 project to enhance the church facility; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Collins was a homemaker, an assistant
16 contractor to her husband, a cook in the former "Sidney's
17 Restaurant", and a politician in her own right; and

18 WHEREAS, The passing of Earnestine Collins has been
19 deeply felt by many, especially her four sons, Leroy Collins,
20 Kenneth Collins, Michael Collins, and Gregory Collins; her
21 three daughters, Barbara (Michael) Ray, Naomi Purchase, and
22 Lisa Collins; her two brothers, Richard (Margaret) Sanders
23 and Raymond (Annette) Sanders; her nine sisters, Dorothy
24 (Jesse) Talbert, Gracie Black, Bertha Bryant, Bobbie (James)
25 Gilliam, Marcella Pearson, Charlotte Jefferson, Josephine
26 Sanders, Olivia Sanders, and Arene (Michael) Rayfield; her
27 many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her five aunts;
28 her uncle; her sisters-in-law; her brothers-in-law; her
29 nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends;
30 therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
2 of Earnestine Collins and extend to her family and friends
3 our deepest sympathy; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Earnestine Collins as an
6 expression of our sincere condolences during their time of
7 loss.