

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois learned with regret of the passing of Beatrice
4 Nebraska Hunter Neely of East St. Louis on October 16, 2003;
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6 WHEREAS, Beatrice Nebraska Hunter was born on August 25,
7 1910 to the late Harrison and Evelyn (nee, Wright) Hunter in
8 Greenville, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Neely relocated to East St. Louis in the
10 early 1920s; she married Luther B. Neely in August, 1946 in
11 Chicago; he preceded her in death; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Neely received her formal education at
13 Southern Illinois University, and during the 1940s became an
14 outstanding educator in East St. Louis Public School District
15 #189; she was a Zeta Phi Beta; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Neely loved and lived life to the fullest
17 and touched many lives and was a joy and source of comfort to
18 the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, serving as church
19 secretary as well as serving in the Church Home Study Club,
20 Sunday School, and various other neighborhood and community
21 organizations; and

22 WHEREAS, The passing of Beatrice Neely has been felt by
23 all who knew and loved her, especially by Clara Person,
24 Quinton Johnson, Evelyn McGee, Arlene Palaggi, Geneva
25 Johnson-Smith, Dr. Obie Rush, and the membership of St. Paul
26 Missionary Baptist Church; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
29 all who knew her, the death of Beatrice Nebraska Hunter Neely
30 of East St. Louis; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Beatrice Nebraska Hunter Neely as
3 an expression of our sincerest condolences.