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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 Daisy Fair-Cox, who passed away on October 16, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Daisy Fair-Cox was born on March 23, 1902, in Metropolis, Indiana; she was the daughter of George and Laura (Tinsley) Long; she was married to Damon Fair for 32 years; he preceded her in death in 1978; she married Norval M. Cox Jr. in 1985; and

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WHEREAS, Daisy Fair-Cox graduated from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and the University of Illinois, where she received her bachelor's of science and master's degree in education; and

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WHEREAS, In 1926, Daisy Fair-Cox went to Alton and was hired by the Alton school district to teach at Dunbar Elementary School, later becoming the school's principal; and

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WHEREAS, Daisy Fair-Cox also worked as an organist at Berea Lutheran Church, a mission church of Trinity Lutheran Church in Alton; she was a member of Trinity Lutheran, where she served on the Christian Board of Education, the Stewardship Board, and sang in the choir; and

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1 WHEREAS, Daisy Fair-Cox served as an educator in the Alton
2 public school system for 39 years, serving as principal of the
3 Dunbar Elementary School for 20 of the 39 years; she was also
4 recognized for her effort to help establish the first
5 kindergarten for black youth in Alton; in 1942, she was
6 assigned as an assistant principal at the Horace Mann-Dunbar
7 School; and

8 WHEREAS, Daisy Fair-Cox's first love was always to have
9 worked with underprivileged children; in whatever organization
10 she joined, she became involved with scholarships if possible;
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12 WHEREAS, Daisy Fair-Cox was well known in her community for
13 her great body of community service, including work with the
14 Citizens Advisory Committee of the Alton Community Unit School
15 District 11, Board of Directors (GHDR), the Self Development
16 of People's Committee Board, which sponsored the national
17 program "One Hour of Sharing", the Y.W.C.A. Board, where she
18 served as president, the Top Ladies of Distinction, St. Louis
19 Chapter, the Federated Unity Club of Alton, the Illinois
20 Association of Colored Women's Club, where she served as State
21 president, and the National Association of Colored Women's
22 Club, where she served as national parliamentarian; and

1 WHEREAS, Daisy Fair-Cox is survived by her husband; her
2 stepchildren, Norval M. Cox III, Rasheedah Madyun, Darlene A.
3 Hall, Kathleen M. Cox, and Lisa V. Cox-Johnson and her husband,
4 Keith; her nieces, Dorothy Mathis, Charlotte Johnson, and
5 Phyllis Foy; and many other nieces and cousins throughout the
6 country; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
9 her family and friends, the passing of Daisy Fair-Cox; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Daisy Fair-Cox as an expression of
13 our sympathy.