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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 Lavada Ruth Caraker Henderson of Anna, who passed away on March 11, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Lavada Henderson was born on March 6, 1931 in Union County; she was the fourth child of Everett Brady and Martha Jane Smith Caraker; she married Jewel "Red" Henderson on September 27, 1947; he preceded her in death on August 21, 1981; and

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WHEREAS, Lavada Henderson was a business manager for Choate Mental Health Center, retiring in 1991 after 26 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Lavada Henderson was a member of First Baptist Church in Anna and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary; and

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WHEREAS, Lavada Henderson held many titles for which she was proud, some of which included Mud, Mother, Mams, Grandma, MaMaw and Gomma; she was a most giving person whose life was filled with joy; her delight in life was spending time with her family, especially her great-grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Lavada Henderson was preceded in death by her

1 parents; her husband, Jewel "Red" Henderson; her brother,
2 Curtis Caraker; her sister, Zelma Yates; and her granddaughter,
3 Tiffany Sadler; and

4 WHEREAS, Lavada Henderson is survived by her daughters,
5 Brenda (Paul) Sadler and Cheryl (Larry) Jaymes; her son, Terry
6 (Billie) Henderson; her beloved sister, Helen C. Garner; her
7 grandchildren, Timothy (Michele) Sadler, Jason Gee, Steven
8 Gee, T.J. (Tanette) Henderson, and Britney Sadler; her
9 great-grandchildren, Elijah, Alison, and Maya Sadler, Paige
10 Gee, and MacKenzie and Braden Gee; her sisters-in-law, Glenda
11 (Ken) Smith and June (Bill) Stokes; her nephews and nieces,
12 Don Yates, Bob Caraker, Donna Sadler, and Glenda Koeller; her
13 dear friend, Pinky Cates; and her many other cousins and
14 friends; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 her family and friends, the passing of Lavada Henderson; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Lavada Henderson as an expression of
21 our sympathy.