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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Ella Louise Ivy, who passed away on April  
4 1, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Ella Ivy was born on February 1, 1931, in Venice,  
6 Illinois; her parents were Harold Jerome and Helen Louise  
7 Clemons; and

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WHEREAS, Ella Ivy grew up in Venice and attended schools in  
9 the Madison school district before graduating from Dunbar High  
10 School in 1950; as a child, she worked in her family's ice  
11 cream parlor; she was raised to believe in Jesus Christ and, at  
12 the age of 15, was filled with the Holy Ghost in the Church of  
13 God in Christ; and

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WHEREAS, Ella Ivy and her husband, C.B. Ivy, were married  
15 on July 16, 1950; the young newlywed couple subsequently  
16 returned to Mississippi to live for a short period before  
17 becoming a part of the Great Migration of African-Americans  
18 from the South to the North in search of better economic  
19 opportunities; they later settled back in Venice, where they  
20 briefly lived in an apartment converted from a chicken coop  
21 before eventually buying a house at 1232 Cleveland Avenue in  
22 East St. Louis, where she was a faithful and loving wife and

1 mother to her husband and her 5 children; and

2 WHEREAS, Ella Ivy served as a faithful member of The Church  
3 of Christ the Divine and the Pentecostal Power church  
4 organizations in several capacities, including secretary and  
5 President of the Young People's Department; as leader of the  
6 Young People's Department, she founded the Young People's  
7 Willing Workers ministry, a ministry that is still in service  
8 today; after her husband was called into the ministry, she  
9 began serving in a new capacity as the wife of a District  
10 Elder, Pastor, and Bishop; the couple traveled often to various  
11 churches under their ministry in Robbins and Sledge,  
12 Mississippi, and Oxford, Mississippi, while also maintaining a  
13 ministry at 1433 Gross Street in East St. Louis; she was a  
14 dedicated church mother, whose mission was to teach and guide  
15 women how to conduct themselves as women of God; she was also a  
16 devout speaker, teacher, and counselor, guiding women in the  
17 way of Godliness and virtuous behavior, as well as a singer in  
18 the church's choir; and

19 WHEREAS, Ella Ivy was preceded in death by her husband,  
20 Bishop C.B. Ivy, and her parents; and

21 WHEREAS, Ella Ivy is survived by her children, Clarence  
22 (Donis) Ivy, Christopher (Diane) Ivy, Margaret Ivy, Belynda  
23 (Oliver) Hamilton, and Timothy (Karen) Ivy; her 15

1 grandchildren; her 19 great-grandchildren; her siblings,  
2 Harold (Girthal) Clemons, Margaret Clemons, William  
3 (Gwendolyn) Clemons, Lloyd (Inez) Clemons, Anna Ruth  
4 Clemons-Shelton, Charles Clemons, Barbara (Charles) Reid,  
5 Jacqueline (Leon) Glaster, and Arthur Clemons; and her many  
6 nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

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

11       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Ella Ivy as an expression of our  
13 sympathy.