

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Maewood Sims
4 Thornton on October 10, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thornton was born September 3, 1925 in
6 Enondale, Mississippi to Albert and Mary Jane Sims; her
7 parents, four brothers, Munson, Albert, Johnny (Jack), and
8 Edward, three sisters, Katie Mae, Ethel, and Margaret, two
9 husbands, Johnnie Stennis and Herbert Smith, a son, Herbert
10 Smith II and a grandson, Demico Jermaine Smith, all preceded
11 her in death; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thornton attended school in Meridian
13 Mississippi; in 1942, she moved to East St. Louis; she was a
14 member of Pilgrim Green Missionary Baptist Church, and later
15 Mt. Paran and Christ United Missionary Baptist Church; she
16 served as a mother of the church; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thornton's passing has been deeply felt by
18 many, including her husband, James Thornton; four children,
19 Delores Syles, Ernest (Joan) Smith, Dorothy (Emanuel)
20 Bishop, and Gary (Cheri) Smith; her special niece, Bernice
21 Nicholson Long; a sister, Savannah (Willie) McNeil; a
22 brother, Dewitt Sims; 21 grandchildren; and a host of
23 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives;
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
27 of Maewood Sims Thornton and offer our sincere condolences to
28 her family and friends; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to the family of Maewood Sims Thornton with our
31 deepest sympathy.