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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 Bettye J. Zoumah, who passed away on May 19, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Bettye Zoumah was born to Cozen Kelly and Sarah Brown on May 7, 1932; she lived in Shreveport, Louisiana and attended Brookfield School; she moved to Los Angeles and lived there until the death of her mother; she then moved to Chicago to live with her great-aunt, Josephine Bell; she attended Raymond Elementary School and Wendell Phillips High School; she committed to her faith at Progressive Baptist Church on December 25, 1942; she married Bert Zoumah Sr.; they raised six children; and

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WHEREAS, Bettye Zoumah attended Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) in the 1950s and volunteered at Holy Angels Catholic Church until she moved to the Roseland community; she then attended St. John DeLaSalle Church before returning to Holy Angels Catholic Church in 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Zoumah was preceded in death by her mother, her great-aunt, and five of her children; and

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WHEREAS, Bettye Zoumah is survived by her daughter,

1 Pnretious (Tommy) Harris; her grandchildren; her  
2 great-grandchildren; her great-great-grandchildren; her  
3 nieces, nephews, and cousins; and her closest friend of 75  
4 years, Hazel; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Bettye J. Zoumah and extend our sincere condolences to her  
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Bettye Zoumah as an expression of  
12 our deepest sympathy.