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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On Sunday, November 5, 2006, Isabel Graham Henderson Pedro joined her parents, sister, grandson, and stepsons in Paradise; and

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WHEREAS, Isabel Lula Graham was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 3, 1929, the eldest daughter of Frances Porter Graham and Charles Alexander Graham; and

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WHEREAS, She graduated from Avondale Grammar School in 1943, Carl Schurz High School in 1947, and attended Wilson Jr. College in the late 1940's; In 1952, she married Herbert H. Henderson; into that marriage was born Natalie, Victoria, and Michelle; and

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WHEREAS, In 1966, she graduated from Roosevelt University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and she earned a Master of Science in Education from Chicago State University in 1977; and

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WHEREAS, After an early childhood membership in Quinn Chapel AME, the family joined St. Edmunds Church; she maintained memberships at Church of the Holy Cross, Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, was a founding member of Salem Baptist Church, and Beth Eden Baptist Church; and

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WHEREAS, In the 1950's she worked at University of Illinois at Navy Pier as a library clerk; while attending Roosevelt University in the early 1960's, she worked at the Fourth Estate Restaurant; after graduating from Roosevelt, she completed her student teaching at Carver Elementary School; for almost 30 years she served as a primary classroom teacher, then as a special education teacher at Beethoven Elementary; she retired from Beethoven in the early 1990's; and

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WHEREAS, Isabel had a lifetime love of music; she was a

1 talented piano player and vocalist; she was a member of various
2 community and school choirs, including the Bel-Tones and The
3 Wooten Ensemble; and

4 WHEREAS, On April 19, 1995, she married her long-time love
5 and bridge partner, Donald M. Pedro, M.D.; and

6 WHEREAS, Isabel loved to play bridge, and was a member of
7 many clubs, including the Paragons Duplicate Bridge Club, The
8 LaBelles Femme Bridge Club, Maple Park Bridge Club, Ada Park
9 Bridge Club, La Dimanche Point Trieze Bridge Club, The Third
10 Saturday Bridge Club, and was the beloved First Lady of the
11 Midwest Bridge Unit of the American Bridge Association; and

12 WHEREAS, The passing of Isabel Graham Henderson Pedro has
13 been deeply felt by all who knew and loved her; her family
14 includes her daughters, Natalie Frances Henderson Ray,
15 Victoria Dallas Henderson Peters, Michelle Louise Henderson
16 Allison (Charles Henry Allison); her grandchildren, Claudia
17 Jeanette Ray (Kevin D. Walker, Sr.), Kenneth Ernest Henderson
18 (Tawanna Kyle), Charles Antuan Peters (deceased), David Jerome
19 Bryant, and Steven Marcus Johnson; her great-grandsons, Keyon
20 Kyle, Charles Kenneth Harris, De'Angelo Venson, Ta'Joun Kyle,
21 Kevin D. Walker, Jr., Vincent Carter, and David Carter; her
22 honorary children, Anthony Pedro, Donald M. Pedro, Jr., Sharon
23 A. Pedro-Dudley, Bruce M. Pedro, Ishida M. Pedro-Robinson
24 (Jim), James H. Brooks (deceased), Patrice A. Pedro, Riccardo
25 Christopher Pedro (deceased), Garnett D. Pedro, Valerie L.
26 Pedro, Laura J. Pedro, and Donna M. Pedro; and her nephew, Ivan
27 Charles Collins; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
29 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
30 her family and friends, the passing of Isabel Graham Henderson
31 Pedro; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Isabel Graham Henderson Pedro.