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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Serina Mary Fortineaux Smith of Hazelcrest on November 21, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was born on December 6, 1925 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Arthur and Scurina Fortineaux; the family moved to Chicago in 1938; and

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WHEREAS, She was attending Washburn Trade School in Chicago when she met and fell in love with William Smith; to their union, eight children were born: Bathsheba, Carmensieta, Sherry, Shelita, Artheria, William Joseph, Fedencia, Venetia, and her step-daughter Rosetta; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was a very hard worker and held several jobs before becoming an entrepreneur; she and her family lived on the South Side of Chicago and purchased a cleaning business and grocery store; upon her husband's death, she continued to operate their store until she went into semi-retirement; she decided to open up her own convenient store where she worked for several years; and

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WHEREAS, She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior at Hazelcrest Assembly Church in Hazelcrest; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith's passing will be deeply felt by many, especially her sister, Dardina; her brother, Arthur; her seven daughters; her twenty-eight grandchildren; her thirty-four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild, all of whom affectionately called her "Granny"; her sons-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

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WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Mathilda; her brother, Warren; her husband, William;

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1 and her son, William Joseph; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
4 Serina Mary Fortineaux Smith along with all who knew and loved
5 her and extend our sincere condolences to her family and
6 friends; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Serina Mary Fortineaux Smith as an
9 expression of our deepest sympathy.