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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 Gale Annette Coates on December 16, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Gale Annette Coates was born in East St. Louis on July 17, 1961 to Cary and Retha Washington; she was the third child of five children; one of whom preceded her in death; and

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WHEREAS, She was a product of the East Saint Louis school system, graduating from Lincoln Senior High School in 1979; she began full-time employment with Dr. Francis Kayria immediately after high school and continued an Associated Applied Science Degree in Information Technology; she used her degree to gain employment with Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri in Patient Accounts; she was supervisor of her division; she continued her education at Harris Stowe State College; she aspired to become a teacher; and

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WHEREAS, She was united in Holy Matrimony to Charles Kevin Coates; to this union one child was born, Jazmin Greunetta Coates and a loving stepson, Jason C. Coates; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Coates accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorship of the Reverend A.G. Williams; in later years, she was united with the Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorship of the late Reverend Dr. R.B. Lyles; she served in many capacities at Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church; she was head of the New Member's Committee, member of the Month Committee, and Announcement Clerk; she was a faithful member of the Sunday School and Prayer Meetings; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Gale Annette Coates will be deeply

1 felt by many, especially her husband, Charles Kevin Coates, who
2 was her soul mate and friend; her daughter, Jazmin Greunetta
3 Coates; her son, Jason C. Coates; her mother, Retha V. Wilson
4 (Sherrod); her grandmother, Dorothy L. Lockett; her sister,
5 Veronica Sherrod; her brothers, Jerome H. (Beverly) Washington
6 and Michael Partee; her mother-in-law, Greunetta Coates; her
7 brothers-in-law, Kenneth (Helen) Coates and Dr. Rodney Coates;
8 her aunts, Leitha Floyd and Edith (Robert) Blackburn; her
9 uncles, Robert (Marcella) Sherrod, Jr., John (Betty) Coates,
10 and James (Zennie) Coates; her beloved sister-cousin-friend,
11 Renee Lanier; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, other
12 relatives, and friends; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
15 Gale Annette Coates along with all who knew and loved her and
16 extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Gale Annette Coates as an expression
20 of our deepest sympathy.