



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois
3 learned with sadness of the death of Matilda "Tillie" Dennis of
4 Chicago on June 25, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, She was born August 27, 1930, to Matilda Pinkard
6 and James Thorn in Montgomery, Alabama; after the death of her
7 mother, she and her four siblings moved to Chicago when she was
8 one year old; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dennis graduated from Corpus Christi
10 Elementary School and attended DuSable High School; she was
11 baptized in the Catholic Church and her strong faith sustained
12 her throughout her life; and

13 WHEREAS, She was an avid reader who gladly shared facts and
14 antidotes from the vast literary works she read; she was an
15 alumnus of Altgeld Gardens where she raised her children and
16 formed lifelong relationships with a host of friends who
17 cherished her; and

18 WHEREAS, She worked in several occupations throughout her
19 life; she managed her brother's restaurants (Prince & Joy's)
20 for many years and, later in her life, her love for young
21 people drew her to the University of Chicago where she served
22 as the late night "mama" for more than 20 years until her
23 retirement; and

24 WHEREAS, Anyone who knew Tillie also knew that her children
25 and family always came first; her happiest moments were when
26 she was sharing time with them and celebrating the special and
27 not-so-special occasions; and

28 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her sons, Jimmy and
29 Ronnie, her mother and father, and her brothers and sisters;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The passing of Matilda Dennis is felt by all who
3 knew and loved her, especially her children, Harry (Yvonne),
4 Clarice (Sydney), Vincent (Deborah), and Antoinette (Ralph);
5 her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her niece and
6 nephews; and a host of other family members and friends;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the loss of
10 Matilda "Tillie" Dennis and extend our sincerest condolences to
11 her family, friends, and community; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
14 sympathy.