



SR0356

LRB096 13405 GRL 28132 r

1

SENATE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Jewel Mary Elizabeth French, who passed away on June 13, 2009; and

3

4

5

WHEREAS, Jewel French was born on November 19, 1954 in Chicago; her parents were the late Montana and Gertrude Harper; she married Vernie French Jr. on April 19, 1980; and

6

7

8

WHEREAS, Jewel French attended Betsy Ross Elementary School, William W. Carter Middle School, and Simeon High School; she then earned her associate's degree from Truman College; and

9

10

11

12

WHEREAS, Jewel French was employed in the medical field for over 20 years; in 2007, she began her own business, "Sacred Service Document Preparation", which assists the elderly with the preparation of various documents; and

13

14

15

16

WHEREAS, Jewel French accepted Christ at an early age; as a child, she attended Gorham Methodist Church, where she sang in the church choir; as her spiritual journey progressed, she was led to the teachings of the Catholic faith; in 1992, she joined the St. Sabina Church, where she was involved in numerous ministries, including the Worship & Praise and Sacristan

17

18

19

20

21

1 Ministries; and

2 WHEREAS, Jewel French enjoyed singing, roller skating,  
3 sewing, and watching "CSI: Miami"; she also enjoyed performing  
4 volunteer work with the elderly; and

5 WHEREAS, Jewel French is survived by her daughters, Tasha  
6 (Reginald) and Janine; her grandchildren, Aaron and Rihanna;  
7 her sister, Lois Moses; her brothers, Warner D. Harper, Elston  
8 H. Harper, and Michael Harper; her aunt, Mary E. Smith; her  
9 nieces, Karen, Warnetta, Lana, and Tameka; her nephews,  
10 Michael, Termain, Mileak, and Michael Lee; her great-nieces,  
11 Brittany, Ashley, Grace, Mia, and Mya; her great-nephews,  
12 Mikal, Mileak Jr., Elijah, Lashawn, and Liam; her best friend,  
13 Judy Simms; and her many other relatives, friends, and St.  
14 Sabina family; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
17 his family and friends, the passing of Jewel Mary Elizabeth  
18 French; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Jewel French as an expression of our  
21 sympathy.