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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Earlene Ray of Joliet, who passed away on April 30, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, She was born to the union of Joshua and Rosie Crenshaw of Blytheville, Arkansas, October 25, 1935; she grew up and attended primary and secondary schools in Blytheville, where she was active in her local church and community until her relocation to Joliet in early 1956; and

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WHEREAS, She was united in Holy Matrimony to William "Bill" Ray, also of Blytheville, in 1955; she remained a loving and faithful wife until his passing in June of 2002; and

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WHEREAS, She united in fellowship with All Nations Church of God In Christ in early 1956, where she remained a faithful and active member; during her nearly fifty-five year membership, Mother Earlene Ray cheerfully and diligently served in various capacities of church service and leadership, including her service of forty-one years as Sunday School Superintendent; she took special delight in providing nurture and care to the sick and shut in through her weekly visits to local hospitals and homes, always accompanied by her faithful travelling companion, Mother Sarah Marsh; and she was a proud

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1 member of the All Nations Mother's Board; and

2 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband, William;
3 her sisters, Amanda, Annie, and Daisy; and her brothers,
4 George, Cecil, and W.T.; and

5 WHEREAS, Earlene Ray is survived by her elder son, Bishop
6 Harold Calvin Ray and her loving daughter-in-law, Brenda Ray;
7 her younger son, Anthony (Tony); her brother, Robert C. (Annie)
8 Crenshaw; her grandchildren, Christopher Calvin and Whitney
9 Nicole; her great-grandchildren, Jahrel, A'Mare, and A'Myah;
10 her devoted neighbors of forty years, Edgar and Gertrude
11 Martin; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, in-laws, and
12 special friends; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 her family and friends, the passing of Earlene Ray; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Earlene Ray as a symbol of our
19 sincere sympathy.