SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Mary Price, who passed away on March 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Mary Price, nee McElroy, was born on February 23, 1911 in Meridian, Mississippi; she was adopted by Archie and Clarinda Barnes; she was only educated formally until the second grade; and

WHEREAS, She married Sam Linton and cared for him until his passing; later, she relocated and made Chicago her home; when her mother got sick, she moved her from Mississippi to Chicago and took care of her until her passing; during this time, she worked at the Woodmill Hotel on 46th and Woodlawn; this is where she met the love of her life, Jack Robert Price; they were married on February 23, 1967; and

WHEREAS, She joined Progressive Baptist Church in 1943 under the leadership of the late Rev. T. E. Brown; she was an active member of the church and served on several stewardships within the church, including Sunday School Class \#19, Unity Club, the Senior Citizens Club, and the Bessie Sanford Mission; "Sister" or "Mother Price" as she was affectionately known, was a faithful member for 69 years; and

WHEREAS, She loved to garden, loved her pets, and loved her church; she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Jack Price and her beloved brother, John T. Barnes; and

WHEREAS, Mary Price leaves to cherish her loving memory, her daughter, LaToya Price-Childs and son-in-law, Daniel K. Childs; her grandsons, Daniel and Kevin; a host of extended family members and friends, including her cousin, Lillie Mae Shack, her sisters-in-law, Ruby Barnes and Adeline Washington; her Goddaughter, Theresa Johnson; and her best friends, Mylee Funches, Hillman Francisco, Fannie Perry, Nick Childs, Andro Childs, and Blondell Ferrell; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of Mary Price; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mary Price as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.

