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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 Betty Ruth Williams of Springfield, who passed away on November 24, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Williams was born on November 13, 1947 in Springfield; her parents were Earl and Betty (nee Brents) Douglas; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Williams graduated from Lanphier High School; she retired from Illinois Bell/Ameritech after 30 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Williams was a member of Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, where she was very active with the Missionary Ministry; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Williams was a pitcher for over 15 years for the Patterson Quick Cleaning Service Softball team; she was a former member of the Eastside Brick House Unit for Community Needs organization and was very active in making positive changes in the community; she was also a member of One In A Million and Eastside Pride; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Williams loved her family, her music,

1 sports, playing Bid Whist once a month with her friends and
2 family, and her special relationship with her brother-in-law,
3 Roy I. Williams, Sr., and her friend, John Porter, Sr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Betty Williams was preceded in death by her
5 parents and her brothers, Fred Henry Douglas, Donnie Lewis
6 Douglas, and Earl Douglas, Jr.; and

7 WHEREAS, Betty Williams is survived by her children,
8 Danielle (Kess) Roberson and Erik (Haley) Williams, Sr.; her
9 sisters, Patricia (Oscar) Patterson, Linda Douglas-Williams,
10 and Kelly Douglas; her brothers, Ronald Douglas and Rickey
11 (Sandra) Douglas, Sr.; her grandchildren, Cameron Jones, Kanya
12 Williams, and Erik "EJ" Williams, Jr.; her aunts, Thelma
13 Douglas and Hazel Douglas; her nieces, Maliyah Douglas, Breanna
14 Douglas, Jennifer Joiner, and Shondra Burnett; her nephews,
15 Rickey Douglas, Jr., Matthew Patterson, Ronald Black, Terrell
16 Goins, Christopher Hawkins, and Marcus Burnett; her special
17 nieces, Katara Simmons and Theiya Herrin; her special nephew,
18 Rickey Simmons, Jr.; and her many cousins and friends;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
22 family and friends, mourn the passing of Betty Ruth Williams;
23 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Betty Williams as an expression of
3 our sympathy.