

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends
4 of Eleanor Twyla Walls Tanner, who passed away on August 10,
5 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Dinky" and "E.T." by
7 family and friends, Mrs. Tanner was the fifth of seven
8 children born to Norma Slack Walls and the late James Clark
9 Walls on August 19, 1953 in St. Louis, Missouri; and

10 WHEREAS, On July 19, 1980, Eleanor Walls married Darrel
11 Franklin Tanner; they are the proud parents of twin
12 daughters, Darriel Francine and Darrian Francel Tanner and
13 son, Darrel Franklin Tanner, Jr.; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Tanner attended Dunbar Elementary School,
15 Slade Elementary School, and Clark Junior High School in East
16 St. Louis School District 189; she graduated from East St.
17 Louis Senior High School in 1972; in addition, she attended
18 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and was preparing
19 to attend Southwestern Illinois Community College in
20 Belleville to finish her studies in accounting; and

21 WHEREAS, For the past 17 years, Mrs. Tanner was employed
22 by the St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department,
23 where she served as accounts payable coordinator; prior to
24 her employment in St. Clair County, she had worked as a
25 receptionist for Dr. Raymond Routier, D.D.S. in East St.
26 Louis; and

27 WHEREAS, Mrs. Tanner was a member of the Church of God in
28 Christ Congregational under the pastoralship of her
29 grandfather, the late Senior Bishop George Slack; in 1997 she
30 became a member at the Greater Faith Christian Fellowship in
31 East St. Louis under the leadership of her brother-in-law,

1 Pastor Yulrie Tanner, where she also served as a member of
2 the Usher Board; and

3 WHEREAS, During her leisure time, Mrs. Tanner enjoyed
4 roller-skating at Skate King Centers in East St. Louis,
5 Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri; and

6 WHEREAS, The passing of Eleanor Twyla Walls Tanner will
7 be deeply felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her
8 husband, Darrel Franklin Tanner; her daughters, Darriel
9 Francine Tanner and Darrian Francel Tanner; her son, Darrel
10 Franklin Tanner, Jr.; her mother, Norma Slack Walls; her
11 mother-in-law and father-in-law, Hazel and Willie Tanner,
12 Sr.; her brother, Kenneth D. Walls; her sisters, Dr. LaRona
13 (husband, Oreido) Morris, Dr. Stephanie W. Carpenter, Tanya
14 W. Rodgers, Pamela Bady, and Sheila Williams; her
15 half-sisters, Latisha Perry and Lisa (husband, Anthony)
16 Perry; her brothers-in-law, William Tanner Jr., Jonathan
17 Glenn (wife, Sheryl) Tanner, and Pastor Yulrie (wife, Amanda)
18 Tanner; her sisters-in-law, Togetta (husband, Bishop Kenneth)
19 Ulmer, Lelo (husband, the Reverend Norman E. Jr.) Owens, and
20 Yvette Young; her aunts, Elward L. May, Jessie (husband,
21 George) Galloway, and Ruth Slack; her great-uncle, Eddie
22 (wife, Rosie) Langford; her great-aunts, Louise Clack,
23 Mildred Langford, and Susie Langford; her nephews; her
24 nieces; her great-nephews; her great-nieces; her cousins; and
25 a host of other relatives and friends; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
28 all who knew her, the death of Eleanor Twyla Walls Tanner of
29 East St. Louis, Illinois; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
31 presented to the family of Eleanor Twyla Walls Tanner with
32 our sincere condolences.