

## 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 Cynthia Louise Gates, who recently passed away; and

5 WHEREAS, Cynthia Louise Gates was born in Middletown,  
6 Ohio, on July 3, 1939; her parents were Robert and Emma  
7 (Reese) Gates; and

8 WHEREAS, Cynthia Louise Gates was employed at Vail Middle  
9 School where she worked with disabled children; she  
10 previously worked at Creekview Elementary School, also  
11 working with disabled children; she also worked at Sears for  
12 twenty years, where she was an expert in the paint  
13 department; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Gates was a faithful member of Bethel AME  
15 Church, where she was a member of the senior choir and the  
16 Gospel Five; she worked with the senior citizens and worked  
17 on church activities and bus trips; she served as treasurer  
18 of the union fellowship and headed the summer bible school  
19 programs; she was involved in Sunday school, the Missionary  
20 Society at both the local and conference levels, the trustee  
21 helpers, and helped to keep the church decorated; and

22 WHEREAS, Cynthia Louise Gates was a charter member of the  
23 Girls Assembly #13 of Middletown, Ohio; she was secretary of  
24 the Mademoiselle Club; she was also involved with Habitat for  
25 Humanity, Million Woman March, 2nd Ward Committee, Mid Fest,  
26 and A.K. Labor Day; Ms. Gates also worked in community  
27 organizations, leading to her meeting with Dr. Martin Luther  
28 King, Jr. and receiving the NAACP Image award in 1995; and

29 WHEREAS, The passing of Cynthia Louise Gates will be  
30 deeply felt by all who knew her, especially her loving  
31 daughter, Shelley Dee Gates; her grandsons, Larry Reep Gates

1 and Lester Gates; her granddaughter, Summer Louise Gates;  
2 her great-great nephew, Derrick (wife, Poodie) Reed; her  
3 sisters, Christell, Josephine, and Jacqueline; her brothers,  
4 Robert Gates, Jr., Paul Gates, James (wife, Pam) Gates, Tom  
5 Dennis Gates, and David Gates; her stepmother, Mary Lee  
6 Gates; her stepsister, Margaret Quinn McClain; her two aunts;  
7 her nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, her cousins,  
8 and her many friends; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
11 all who knew her, the death of Cynthia Louise Gates; and be  
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of there resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Cynthia Louise Gates.