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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends
4 of Goldie Francile Orr, who passed away on March 13, 2002;
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6 WHEREAS, Goldie Francile Orr was born in Parke County,
7 Indiana, on October 29, 1909; she was the youngest of four
8 daughters born to General L. Peoples and Nannie Jamuson
9 Peoples; and

10 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Bloomington High School in
11 Indiana, she attended Ohio State University; when her family
12 moved to Chicago, she continued her education at Crane Junior
13 College and earned a Bachelor's Degree from the Lewis
14 Institute in Chicago; she continued her education through
15 graduate courses at several universities; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Orr professed a faith in God at an early
17 age and joined the Bethel A.M.E. Church in Bloomington,
18 Indiana; she was an active member of St. Luke A.M.E. Church
19 since 1937, where she served as Director of the Junior Choir,
20 as a Trustee, and on numerous committees; she continued to
21 demonstrate her love for music by singing and playing the
22 piano while a patient at O'Fallon Health Care Center; and

23 WHEREAS, Goldie Orr was married to Attorney Louis F. Orr
24 on October 30, 1937; they were blessed with the birth of a
25 daughter, Marjorie Preston; her husband preceded her in death
26 in 1961; and

27 WHEREAS, Mrs. Orr was employed by the Illinois State
28 Employment Service for 30 years; she served as Supervisor,
29 Test Administrator, and Vocational Counselor; during her
30 career, she worked with seniors from seven high schools; in
31 addition, she visited various schools where she tested and

1 counseled students about future vocational choices; and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Orr was very active in the community
3 serving on board of the Annette Center, the East St. Louis
4 Housing Authority, and the Employees Savings and Loan
5 Company; she was a loyal member of the East St. Louis Alumnae
6 Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; she instituted
7 their guidance program that introduced high school seniors to
8 people from various professions and careers; and

9 WHEREAS, The passing of Goldie Francile Orr will be
10 deeply felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her
11 daughter, Marjorie Orr Preston; her grandchildren, Craig
12 (Nicole) Preston, Elise (Charles) Mallory, and Robert (Tracy)
13 Preston; her four great-grandchildren; and her nieces,
14 nephews, friends, and sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
15 Inc.; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
18 all who knew her, the death of Goldie Francile Orr; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Goldie Francile Orr with our
22 sincere condolences.