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5 By: Senators Steele, Brown

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8 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 HONORING THE MEMORY AND MOURNING THE LOSS OF
10 JOSLYN SWANIGAN ROCKER.

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Subtitle

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14 LOSS OF JOSLYN SWANIGAN ROCKER.

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17 WHEREAS, on Sunday, February 1, 2004, Joslyn Swanigan Rocker was called
18 from her earthly dwelling to her new home; and

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20 WHEREAS, Joslyn was born December 7, 1957, in Chicago, Illinois, the
21 daughter of Vivian Swanigan and William Wright; and

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23 WHEREAS, Joslyn was a graduate of Chicago Vocational High School in
24 Illinois and later attended Grambling State University in 1972; and

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26 WHEREAS, Joslyn was the first woman to integrate the Grambling State
27 University Band, participated in a number of beauty pageants, and was a
28 former Ms. Bayou Classic pageant winner; and

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30 WHEREAS, Joslyn married Earnest R. Rocker, Senior, the father of her
31 only son, Earnest R. Rocker, Junior of Little Rock, Arkansas; and

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33 WHEREAS, Joslyn relocated to Little Rock in 1989 and became a member of
34 St. John Missionary Baptist Church; and

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36 WHEREAS, Joslyn was an employee of Philander Smith College as an



1 Integrated Progress Coordinator and was enrolled in the undergraduate program
2 at the time of her death; and

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4 WHEREAS, Joslyn adored the game of tennis and participated in matches
5 as often as time permitted; and

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7 WHEREAS, Joslyn was preceded in death by her father, William Wright,
8 and a brother, Hansel Swanigan; she is survived by her mother, Vivian
9 Swanigan of North Little Rock, Arkansas; her son, Ernest; a brother, Lovell
10 Swanigan, III of Chicago, Illinois; one aunt, Barbara Jacobs of Chicago,
11 Illinois; a niece, Nicole Trice of Charlottesville, Virginia; Curtis King of
12 Chicago, Illinois; a very special friend, Walter Lloyd, Junior of New
13 Orleans, Louisiana; and a host of other relatives and friends including
14 friends of the Otter Creek Tennis Association, Burns Park Tennis Center,
15 Little Rock Racquet Club, and Southern Tennis Association,

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17 NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
19 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 THAT the Senate honors the memory and many accomplishments of Joslyn
22 Swanigan Rocker and mourns her passing.