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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 Wyllene Francis Abram, who passed away on February 17, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Wyllene Abram was born in Goss, Mississippi to Nardwell and Flora Toney on February 16, 1931, the second of nine siblings; at an early age, she gained a special father in Bishop Louis J. Francis; she graduated from Gulfport High School in Gulfport, Mississippi in 1949; she later received her cosmetology license; and

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WHEREAS, Wyllene Abram began working as a mail handler at the U.S. Postal Service in the early 1960s; she later retired in 1986; and

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WHEREAS, Wyllene Abram committed to her faith at an early age and nurtured that commitment in her children; her favorite book in the Bible was Proverbs; she was known as an exceptional cook who would freely feed anyone who came into her home; and

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WHEREAS, Wyllene Abram was preceded in death by her parents, Nardwell Toney, Bishop Louis J. Francis, and Flora Francis; her sons, Mayfield Abram Jr. and Ralph Lockett; her daughters, Annette King and Melva Wiley; her brothers, Henry

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1 Toney, Louis Francis, and Emmitt Francis; and her sisters, Doris
2 Fuller and Ruth Ann; and

3 WHEREAS, Wyllene Abram is survived by her sons, Leavelle
4 (Vernita) and Gregory Abram; her daughters, Wanda Goodwin, June
5 (Sam) Harris, and Darlene Abram; her 25 grandchildren, her 48
6 great-grandchildren; her five great-great-grandchildren; her
7 brother, Paul (Shelia) Francis; her sisters, Ruby Francis Terry
8 and Connie (Billy) Hicks; and a host of nephews, nieces, other
9 relatives, and friends; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Wyllene Francis Abram and extend our sincere condolences to her
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Wyllene Abram as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.