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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 Idella Marie Williams, who passed away on March 8, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Idella Williams was born to Rufus Wardlow and Lillian Goodwin-Wardlow on April 21, 1933; she met Lionel Williams Sr. in 1949, and they settled in Robbins before relocating to Harvey in 1964; and

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WHEREAS, Idella Williams was a consummate homemaker; she was known for her exceptional culinary skills, delighting friends and family alike with her gourmet dishes, including her famous pound cake, homemade rolls, and German chocolate cake; she was a dedicated family historian, preserving cherished memories across generations; she was a gracious hostess and welcomed countless guests into her home with warmth and elegance; her impeccable style was matched only by her kind and welcoming demeanor, making everyone feel like family; and

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WHEREAS, Idella Williams was a faithful member of Portland Street Church of God in Christ (COGIC); and

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WHEREAS, Idella Williams was preceded in death by her

1 parents; her husband, Lionel Williams Sr.; her children, Hyman  
2 and Ernestine Williams; and her sibilings, Hatti Banks, Alvin  
3 Wardlow, Barbara Chatman, Geraldine Moody, and Helen Grace;  
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5 WHEREAS, Idella Williams is survived by her children,  
6 Lionel (Sakinah) Williams Jr. and Barbara (Reginald) Booker;  
7 her adopted nephew, Wendell Banks; her adopted  
8 brothers-in-law, Guy, Kenneth, and James Williams; her  
9 grandchildren, Crystal, Omar, Kristen, Taliah, Rahman, Bryce,  
10 Demetrius, Kareemah, DeAndrea, and John; and numerous  
11 great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; therefore,  
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13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
15 Idella Marie Williams and extend our sincere condolences to  
16 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Idella Williams as an expression of  
20 our deepest sympathy.