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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 Lenora "Nancy" Abraham Eaddy; and

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WHEREAS, Lenora Eaddy was born to Florence Mae Cain Abraham and Jimmie "Rooster" Abraham in Florence County, South Carolina on September 7, 1957; she was raised in the Claussen community and attended the public schools of Florence County, graduating from South Florence High School at the age of 16; during her youth, she was an avid softball player and a cherished member of her community team; she later married Emmet "Joe" Eaddy Jr. on February 5, 1977; and

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WHEREAS, Lenora Eaddy worked in Florence School District 5 in South Carolina, where she focused on special needs students until her retirement in 1997; during her career, she was noted for her unwavering dedication to helping students, especially those facing challenges; she also served as a poll worker with the Florence County Election Commission for over 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Lenora Eaddy was deeply involved in civic and community organizations, including serving as worthy matron and treasurer of the Kingsburg Chapter #182 Order of the Eastern Star, Johnsonville, South Carolina, associate deputy of District 9, along with other roles within the district and

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1 local chapter, and treasurer of the Lady Double Dozen Social  
2 Club; she actively volunteered at the Pee Dee Center of  
3 Disability and Special Needs and was a devoted member of the  
4 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and  
5 the National Council of Negro Women; and

6 WHEREAS, Lenora Eaddy committed to her faith at an early  
7 age, joining Salem United Methodist Church in Florence, South  
8 Carolina, where she was a choir member and also sang with the  
9 group, Charity, through which she met her husband; she later  
10 joined St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church in  
11 Johnsonville, South Carolina, where she served in numerous  
12 roles until her health declined, including the Inspirational  
13 Mass Choir, the Safronia Jessie Adlee (SJA) Women's Missionary  
14 Society, and the St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Outreach  
15 Food Ministry; she also served as an advisor to the St. Mark  
16 Young People's and Children's Division, a member of the Pulpit  
17 Aide Ministry, chairperson of the Stewardess Board, a member  
18 of the Steward Board, assistant finance secretary, co-chair of  
19 the Acolyte Ministry, and coordinator of the St. Mark Event;  
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21 WHEREAS, Lenora Eaddy's life was a testament to love,  
22 faith, and service, and her legacy of kindness, dedication,  
23 and community spirit will continue to inspire all who knew  
24 her; and

1           WHEREAS, Lenora Eaddy was preceded in death by her  
2 parents; her grandson, JaQuan Hicks; and her sister-in-law,  
3 Ophelia Eaddy Woodberry; and

4           WHEREAS, Lenora Eaddy is survived by her husband of 47  
5 years, Emmitt Eaddy Jr.; her daughter, Jotaka Latrice Eaddy;  
6 her stepson, Fitzgerald "JJ" Sumpter; her grandchildren,  
7 Shakira Hicks and Seven Zephania Sumpter; her honorary  
8 grandson, Moyer McCoy; her brothers, Alexander Abraham and  
9 Rev. Ebbie (Doris) Abraham; her sisters-in-law and  
10 brother-in-law, Ola Mae McFadden, Elois (Gerody Sr.)  
11 Boatwright, and Rayford Eaddy; her nephew and niece she had  
12 raised as her own, Lamont Abraham and Tamika (Sammy)  
13 Woodberry-McCormick; her special great-niece, Hailey Mae  
14 Abraham; her special great-grandniece, Paisley Woodberry; her  
15 nephews, Barry (Laura) McFadden, Rodney Boatwright, Cedric  
16 (Maretta) Abraham, and Randy Boatwright; her nieces, Tammy  
17 McFadden, Fredericka (Frank) Commedo, LaKeisha Eaddy, Sonya  
18 McFadden, and Natasha Abraham; her godmother, Susie "Boo"  
19 Abraham; her best friend and cousin, Katrina Ham; and her  
20 close friends, Helen Deas, Janet Alston, and Doris McWhite;  
21 and many great-nieces, great-nephews, great-grandnieces,  
22 great-grandnephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends;  
23 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
3 Lenora "Nancy" Abraham Eaddy and extend our sincere  
4 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
5 her; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Lenora Eaddy as an expression of our  
8 deepest sympathy.