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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 Blanchie B. White Wilcox, who passed away on April 16, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Blanchie White Wilcox was born to Vella Canada and Lonnie Johnson Sr. in Chickasaw, Arkansas on May 30, 1935; she committed to her faith at an early age through her grandparents' church in Moscow, Arkansas; she received her education from the school system in Winchester, Arkansas; and

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WHEREAS, Blanchie White Wilcox married Carl Lee White Sr. in Arkansas on January 16, 1951, and they had eight children; she and her husband relocated to Texas in 1952, where they lived for five years before relocating their family to Chicago in 1957; shortly thereafter, she and her family joined the New Zion M.B. Church, which became the Joshua M.B. Church in 1962; when her husband became pastor in April 1964, she became first lady of the church, where she was noted for faithfully serving as a confident, self-aware mother of wisdom with style, poise, and grace for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Blanchie White Wilcox later moved her membership to Sweet Kingdom M.B. Church, where she served on the love ministry and the nurse's board; she married Clearance Wilcox

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1 in the early 1990s, and their union had no children before he
2 preceded her in death; after relocating to Markham, she joined
3 Victory Christian International Ministries, which was under
4 the leadership of her son, Apostle Carl White Jr., where she
5 served until her passing; and

6 WHEREAS, Blanchie White Wilcox worked for General Electric
7 (GE) Motors for more than 20 years, where she was beloved and
8 respected; she retired from GE Motors in 1991; she later
9 returned to the workforce, serving as a home health aide at
10 Waterford Estates Nursing Home until she fully retired to care
11 for her cousin, Mary Lee Hall; and

12 WHEREAS, Blanchie White Wilcox was deeply committed to her
13 faith and loved gospel music; and

14 WHEREAS, Blanchie White Wilcox was a compassionate
15 altruist and humanitarian, never meeting a stranger and
16 remaining dedicated to improving the lives of others; she was
17 a matriarch in every sense of the word, becoming a surrogate
18 mother, special grandmother, and spiritual mother to many of
19 her children's friends while extending love, wisdom, and
20 guidance; and

21 WHEREAS, Blanchie White Wilcox was preceded in death by
22 her parents, Vella Canada and Lonnie (Gloria) Johnson Sr.; her

1 grandparents, Pastor Johnnie and Estella Jackson; her son,
2 Kenneth White; her grandson, Romiell Williams; her siblings,
3 James Canada, Kathleleen Canada-Allen, Zeffline Canada, and
4 Della Gordan; and the father of her children, Pastor Carl
5 White Sr.; and

6 WHEREAS, Blanchie White Wilcox is survived by her
7 children, Apostle Carl Lee (Pamela) White Jr., Annette
8 (Pealie) Northington, Vicky (Andre) Williams, James (Carol)
9 White, Timothy White, Shilod White, and Lurn White; her bonus
10 daughter, Pharstiner Cash; 42 grandchildren, 78
11 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren; her
12 brother, Lonnie (Denise) Johnson Jr.; her sisters-in-love,
13 Madine (Calvin) Davis and LuWilla Canada; and a host of
14 nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends; therefore, be
15 it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Blanchie B. White Wilcox and extend our sincere condolences to
19 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Blanchie White Wilcox as an
23 expression of our deepest sympathy.