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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate Ethella Walls on the occasion of her 100th
4 birthday on January 16, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Ethella Walls was born in Holly Springs,
6 Mississippi to Robert and Mary Lue Barksdale, the fourth of
7 eight children; and

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WHEREAS, Ethella Walls moved to Chicago in 1946 to pursue
9 career opportunities; she married the love of her life,
10 Lucious Walls, in 1947, and they became parents to 12
11 beautiful children, Mary Ann, Carl, Sharon, Willie, Patricia,
12 Debra, Lucious, Mona, Mina, Charles, Gail, and Cheryl; and

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WHEREAS, Ethella Walls became a grandmother to 21
14 grandchildren, great-grandmother to 18 great-grandchildren,
15 and great-great-grandmother to six great-great-grandchildren;
16 she is affectionately known as "Momma Walls" to several other
17 individuals who she helped raise; and

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WHEREAS, Ethella Walls' legacy is borne from her strong
19 and unrelenting faith; she began her ministerial journey in
20 1968 after joining the Antioch Missionary Baptist
21 Church-South, where she serves on the Usher Board,

1 participates in the Ruth Circle, and attends mission meetings;
2 she has remained a passionate and devoted member of Antioch
3 since joining; and

4 WHEREAS, Ethella Walls is known and loved for her humble
5 heart and giving spirit; living her life by her favorite
6 scripture, Proverbs 3:56, she has demonstrated in countless
7 ways her dedication to others and has earned the respect and
8 adoration of people from all walks of life and all ages; and

9 WHEREAS, Ethella Walls' contributions to the State of
10 Illinois are deserving of recognition and celebration;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
14 Ethella Walls on her 100th birthday and wish her many more
15 wonderful years; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Ethella Walls as an expression of our esteem and
18 respect.