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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 Leila Mae Clay, beloved family matriarch; and

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WHEREAS, Leila Clay was born to Levi and Esther (Steagall) Wood in Newnan, Georgia on October 11, 1932; she married Lonnie Clay in July 1950, and they lived in Okinawa, Japan and Frankfurt, Germany during his time of service in the U.S. Army before moving to Chicago in 1960 following his discharge; and

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WHEREAS, Leila Clay worked for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring after decades of service; and

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WHEREAS, Leila Clay was deeply committed to her faith and a longtime member of Alpha Temple Missionary Baptist Church; she was also an active member of the community and served as Treasure of 77th Wood Street Block club; and

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WHEREAS, Leila Clay was a model of self-sufficiency, maintaining her home and independence into her 90s; she was a life-long learner and enjoyed serving others and spending quality time with family, helping organize numerous family reunions in Washington D.C., Chicago, Newnan, Georgia, and Atlanta, Georgia; and

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1           WHEREAS, Leila Clay was preceded in death by her parents;  
2 her husband; and her siblings, Lucille (James) McCombs, Sara  
3 (Arthur Lee) Berry, and J.C. (Suzette) Wood; and

4           WHEREAS, Leila Clay is survived by her sons, Larry  
5 (Sylvia) Clay and Randy (Analilia) Clay; her grandchildren,  
6 Erick D. (Leslie) Clay, Randy L. (Lashawn) Clay, Edward C.  
7 (Helen) Clay, Jeremy Henley, Tiffani L. Clay, Melissa Clay  
8 (Theresa) Barnes, and Lonnie Clay III; her  
9 great-grandchildren, Justin J. Clay, Ethan D. Clay, Gabrielle  
10 Clay, Camille Clay, Randy L. Clay Jr., Eric Delahoussaye,  
11 Heaven Delahoussaye, Angel Delahoussaye, Sydney Clay, Dexter  
12 Delahoussaye, Edward C. Clay I, Helyn Clay, Hannah Clay,  
13 Edward C. Clay Jr., Layla S. Henley, Jordyn W. Henley, Jeremy  
14 D. Henley, Natalya A. Clay, and Juliana Clay; her  
15 great-great-granddaughter, Parker R. Clay; and her sister,  
16 Ruth (Robert) Sutton; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
19 Leila Mae Clay and extend our sincere condolences to her  
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
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22           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Leila Clay as an expression of our  
2 deepest sympathy.