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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 Martha Alice Nelson-Pugh, who passed away on February 17, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Martha Nelson-Pugh was born in Pace, Mississippi to Willie and Sophia Nelson on October 19, 1928; she moved with her family to Chicago in 1946 and married Willie James Pugh Sr.; and

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WHEREAS, Martha Nelson-Pugh's faith was an important part of her life; in her younger years, she was an active member of her community and was affectionately called "Momma" by many; "The Candy Lady" was her name to the children in the neighborhood, and she was lovingly known by friends as "Big Red"; she could always bring everyone together whether it was for a family meal or a game of Keno; and

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WHEREAS, After raising her children and helping raise her grandchildren, Martha Nelson-Pugh continued caring for others and added to her family; and

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WHEREAS, Martha Nelson-Pugh was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Sr.; her daughter, Betty Jean; her sons, Melvin and Arthur; her sisters, Mary Alice, Ruby Lee, and Catherine;

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1 her brothers, Charlie and Ely; her grandson, Raymond; and her  
2 parents; and

3 WHEREAS, Martha Nelson-Pugh is survived by her children,  
4 Loretta (Elmer) Taylor, Coy (Jackie) Pugh, Willie Jr. (Corliss)  
5 Pugh, Carl Pugh, Tonyja Thomas, Jermaine Pugh, Patrick Pugh,  
6 Kareema Pugh, and Coy (Angel) Pugh; her grandchildren, Richard  
7 Pugh, Elmer Jr. (Qeena) Taylor, LaShawn Burrell,  
8 Shulanda (Me'Jan) Sullivan, Chiquita Harris, Sohn Green, Nicole  
9 Pugh, Montisha Thomas, Courtney Pugh, Carl Miller, Kenneth  
10 Thomas, Jared Pugh, Keyarra Thomas, Anthony Thomas, Justice  
11 Pugh, Ahmariyah Pugh, and Alinani Pugh; 39 great-grandchildren  
12 and 12 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces,  
13 nephews, family members, and friends; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
16 Martha Alice Nelson-Pugh and extend our sincere condolences to  
17 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Martha Nelson-Pugh as an expression  
21 of our deepest sympathy.