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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Claire Nabors McLendon; and

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WHEREAS, Claire McLendon was born to Charles James Nabors
and Melissa Denola Nabors in Cleveland, Ohio on July 18, 1935;
she was raised in Cleveland and graduated from John Adams High
School in 1953; as a teen, she attended The Music Settlement in
Cleveland, where she studied Dalcroze Eurhythmics, music
theory, and the flute; she also began gardening a plot of land
at the Harvey Rice School Garden, becoming an experimental
gardener and a student assistant; and

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WHEREAS, Claire McLendon earned her Bachelor of Science in
Education from Ohio University in 1957, where she joined a
local sorority; following graduation, she joined Alpha Kappa
Alpha Sorority, Inc. at Case Western Reserve University, the
first AKA graduate chapter in the sorority's history; and

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WHEREAS, Claire McLendon met her future husband, Frederick
Earl McLendon Jr., while teaching third grade at Paul Revere
Elementary School in Cleveland; after they married, they made
their home in Chicago and raised their sons, Eric and Craig;
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1 WHEREAS, Claire McLendon continued her teaching career at
2 Shoesmith Elementary School in Chicago, where she spent 34
3 years as a learning disabilities teacher, counselor, and
4 assistant principal; through hard work and perseverance, and
5 after becoming a single mother, she furthered her education,
6 earning a Master of Education in Counseling and also in
7 Administration and Supervision, as well as a principal
8 certificate; and

9 WHEREAS, Claire McLendon served as president of Chums,
10 Inc., as secretary of the Chicago Chapter of Jack and Jill of
11 America, Inc., and as a member of the Afro-American
12 Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago; she formed
13 many meaningful and lasting friendships while studying
14 genealogy, and her unmatched love for genealogy resulted in
15 tracing her family back for six generations; and

16 WHEREAS, Claire McLendon was a mother, musician, gardener,
17 seamstress, and genealogist; she will be remembered as a
18 gracious, intelligent, caring, funny, and generous woman whose
19 fruitcakes and brownies were enjoyed by many; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Claire Nabors McLendon and extend our sincere condolences to
23 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it

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2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Claire McLendon as an expression of
4 our deepest sympathy.