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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 Wyonia Nix Coleman, who passed away on October 13, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Wyonia Coleman was born to Sidney L. Nix Sr. and Lela R. Nix in Coatopa, Alabama on September 9, 1945; she committed to her faith at an early age and was baptized at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Coatopa; she received her education through the Belmont school system; after her high school graduation, she moved to New Jersey to seek employment; she later moved to and settled in Waukegan, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Wyonia Coleman married George Phelps, and they had two children together, Susan and Tina, and raised an older daughter, Erma; later in life, she had her last child, Lynette; she married Sheriff Perry Coleman, and he preceded her in death; and

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WHEREAS, Wyonia Coleman was employed with Naval Station Great Lakes at Galley 535 for 25 years and Baxter's Food Service Aramark for 20 years before retiring; and

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WHEREAS, Wyonia Coleman eventually joined and became a faithful member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church,

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1 where she served on the Mother's Board and wherever she was  
2 needed; she was fondly known as "Mother Coleman" by her fellow  
3 parishioners; and

4 WHEREAS, Wyonia Coleman, affectionately known as "Doll  
5 Baby", loved giving and feeding whomever was in need; she  
6 possessed a strong work ethic, a skill she passed on to her  
7 children and siblings; she will be remembered for her  
8 beautiful smile, for bestowing kind words to all, and for  
9 loving her family dearly; and

10 WHEREAS, Wyonia Coleman was preceded in death by her  
11 parents; her sister, Corine Chambers; and her brothers, Sidney  
12 Nix Jr., Henry L. Nix, John W. Nix, Selton Nix, and Elmer Nix;  
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14 WHEREAS, Wyonia Coleman is survived by her daughters, Erma  
15 Graham, Susan (Kevin Hall) Phelps, Tina Phelps, and Lynette  
16 Phelps; her grandchildren, Mikayla Hall, Liam Phelps, Lybria  
17 Phelps, Antonio Waller Jr., and Lela Phelps; her  
18 great-grandchild, Lamyah Phelps; her brothers, Joseph (Mattie)  
19 Nix and Bennett (Rosie) Nix; her sisters, Doris (Bernard) Nix  
20 and Deborah (Rod) Stinson; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins,  
21 extended Wheeler family members, and church family; her best  
22 friends, Mary Cunningham and Mary Darden; and many other  
23 friends; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
3 Wyonia Nix Coleman and extend our sincere condolences to her  
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
5 further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Wyonia Coleman as an expression of  
8 our deepest sympathy.