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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 Ruth M. Callahan, who passed away on March 13, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Callahan was born to Benton Steve and Martha London in Arkansas on April 13, 1940; she married Floyd Callahan Sr. in Arkansas in April 1959, and they had four children; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Callahan worked in the field of nursing for over 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Callahan committed to her faith at an early age, attending Allen Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Stuttgart, Arkansas as a child; she was later active at True Vine Baptist Church in Dixmoor, Illinois, where she served as president of the usher board for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Callahan loved completing word search puzzles, and she was devoted to her family; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Callahan was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 36 years, Floyd; her brothers, Benton London, Samuel London, and Nathaniel London; and her sisters,

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1 Leoria Releford and Rosie Mae Owens; and

2 WHEREAS, Ruth Callahan is survived by her children,  
3 Timothy Callahan Sr., Warren Callahan, Cassandra Edwards, and  
4 Floyd Callahan Jr.; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren;  
5 and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends;  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 Ruth M. Callahan and extend our sincere condolences to her  
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Ruth Callahan as an expression of  
14 our deepest sympathy.