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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 Mary Lee Gray, at the age of 79; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Gray was born in Denmark, Tennessee to Lonnie and Mellie Gray on September 19, 1937; she attended Upper Ingram and South Jackson Elementary School; she graduated from Merry Jackson High School and earned her Bachelor of Science from Lane Teachers College, where she played basketball; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Gray relocated to Chicago and began her teaching career with the Chicago Public School District, where she served for 35 years, retiring in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Gray was affectionately know as "MayLee" by her parents and as "Bubba" by her grandchildren; she enjoyed singing, traveling, and watching professional basketball; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Gray was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Willie B. Gray, Wayne George Gray, and Sammie Lee Gray; and her sisters, Georgia Ruth Gray-Polk, Alfonsa Hunt-Lewis, Vernice Rufus, and Marjorie (Dan) Hurt; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Gray is survived by her children, Nikita Powell, Sandra Powell, Dr. Anitrese Wilks, and Dr. Latonya

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1 (Anthony) Wilks-Daniels; her goddaughter, Robin Henry; her
2 grandchildren, Laron Holt, Curtis Mason, Lakita Scott, and
3 Jaylen Jordan; her great-grandchildren, Christian Holt, Lamyra
4 Scott, Aubrey Mason, and Alex Mason; her sisters, Margaret
5 (Michael) Dean, Forrestine Gray, Shirley (Leland) Willis, and
6 Claudette Osborne; her brothers, Lonnie (Margaret) Gray Jr.,
7 Daniel (Diane) Gray, James Gray, and James "Duke" Hunt; her
8 stepmother, Millie Gray; and a host of nieces, nephews,
9 cousins, and in-laws; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Mary Lee Gray, and extend our sincere condolences to her
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Mary Gray as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.