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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 Melba deane Booker, who passed away on August 24, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Melba Booker was born in Chicago to Ella Mae Washington and Felix Hoover Liddell on March 27, 1941; the eldest of two children, she attended Douglas Elementary School and Frances W. Parker High School; she committed to her faith at an early age; she married Cleophus Booker in 1964; the marriage ended, but they remained lifelong friends; and

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WHEREAS, Melba Booker worked at the University of Chicago Hospital for five years; she retired from the United States Postal Service after 34 years of dedicated service, and as the TimeKeeper at Garfield Park Station received several recognitions and commendations; and

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WHEREAS, Melba Booker was a longtime member of the First Unity Cathedral Church and a licensed minister; she remained close to her childhood friends, Joyce King and the late Norma Lee; she was a hard worker and an exquisite dresser; she was compassionate and generous; and

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WHEREAS, Melba Booker was preceded in death by her parents;

1 her brother, Frank; and her ex-husband, Cleophus; and

2 WHEREAS, Melba Booker is survived by her daughter, Drella  
3 (Thomas); her son, Eclenzo (LaTonja); her grandchildren,  
4 Kenzy, Ashanta, Thomas Jr., ShaRon, Chyealla (Christopher),  
5 Eclenzo, and Keziah; her great-grandson, Uriah; her niece,  
6 Antoinette; her nephew, Vincente; her goddaughters, Patrice,  
7 Sharnetta, and Marsha; her godson, Ferris; and her cousins,  
8 friends, and prayer partners; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Melba deane Booker and extend our sincere condolences to her  
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Melba Booker as an expression of our  
16 deepest sympathy.