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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 Carrie Mae (Deering) Coleman, who passed away on March 1, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Carrie Coleman was born in Pickens, Mississippi to Willie C. Gibson and Lillie E. Deering on August 15, 1950; she was raised by her grandparents, Reverend Amos and Evelyne Deering; she committed to her faith at an early age at Holy City Baptist Church, where she discovered her talent for singing; she sang throughout her hometown, which led to a full scholarship to Mississippi Industrial College in Holly Springs, Mississippi, where she majored in music and minored in education; she graduated with a bachelor's degree in elementary education; she married Lee Willie Coleman on August 1, 1970, and they moved from Mississippi to Joliet; she continued her education at Governors State University and earned a graduate certificate in public administration; she then earned a graduate certificate in curriculum and instruction from National Lewis University; and

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WHEREAS, Carrie Coleman was employed by many educational institutions in Joliet, including the Joliet Job Corps Center, Joliet Junior College, Washington Junior High, and Fairmont Junior High; she also worked as a personal tutor and was a

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1 licensed grant writer; and

2 WHEREAS, After moving to Joliet, Carrie Coleman and her  
3 husband joined Mount Zion Baptist Church, and she sang in the  
4 Mt. Zion Voices of Zion and taught Sunday School for over 20  
5 years; her commitment to her faith continued to grow, and she  
6 became an ordained minister in 2008; she was a stranger to no  
7 one and will be remembered for her dedication to her work; and

8 WHEREAS, Carrie Coleman was preceded in death by her  
9 parents; her grandparents; her brother, Richard Spurlock; and  
10 her brothers-in-law, Floyd L. Coleman and Jessie E. Coleman;  
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12 WHEREAS, Carrie Coleman is survived by her husband, Lee;  
13 her children, Nicholas T. (Tiana) Coleman Sr., Nicol Y.  
14 Coleman, and Natalie A. Coleman; her grandchildren, Jaylin  
15 Coleman, Nicholas Coleman Jr., Malik Coleman, Jurnee Coleman,  
16 and Tamia Coleman; her godchildren, Darren Ulmer, the late Dr.  
17 Timmothy Bailey, Kyle Pierce, and Syretta Edwards; her  
18 siblings, Lonnie B. Spurlock, Nathaniel Spurlock, George  
19 Spurlock, Faye L. Spurlock, and Francis Spurlock Andrews; her  
20 brother-in-law, Eric J. (Delois) Coleman; her sisters-in-law,  
21 Earnestine Coleman Mayo, Bertha R. (Michael) Hudson, Elois  
22 (Keith) Goss, and Madeline C. Coleman; and her many other  
23 family members and friends; therefore, be it

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

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