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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 Frances Joann Winfield; and

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WHEREAS, Frances Winfield was born to Bernard and Dorothy Terry on October 20, 1935; she attended Fuller Elementary and Phillips High School; in 2001, she completed her bachelor's degree at DePaul University; and

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WHEREAS, Frances Winfield worked for First National Bank for 23 years; she also worked as a substance abuse counselor at the Haymarket House for 22 years, where she counseled recovering mothers; and

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WHEREAS, Frances Winfield experienced the turmoil of the civil rights movement first-hand, and committed herself to helping minorities achieve equality; she advocated in court for friends and family members, assisted the homeless with donations, and counseled and mentored many people struggling with gangs and the drug culture; and

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WHEREAS, Frances Winfield was committed to the healthy development of young people; she was a founding board member of Lost Boyz Inc., a not-for-profit organization founded by her oldest grandson and his sister in 2008, which focuses on

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1 preventing youth violence and development through sports; and

2 WHEREAS, Frances Winfield was the matriarch of the Chicago  
3 branch of her family, with well over 300 members in Chicago and  
4 across Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Frances Winfield enjoyed knitting, crocheting,  
6 and participating in church functions; her door was always open  
7 to everyone and she never turned anyone away; and

8 WHEREAS, Frances Winfield attended Our Lady of Peace  
9 Church, where she was an active member, serving for many years  
10 in the choir and various leadership groups; and

11 WHEREAS, Frances Winfield was preceded in death by her  
12 husbands, William Stewart and Edmond Winfield; her children,  
13 Helen and Keith Stewart; her parents; and her siblings,  
14 Barbara, Willa Mae, and Bernard Terry Jr.; and

15 WHEREAS, Frances Winfield is survived by her sons, Ronald,  
16 Wayne, and Johnny; her daughters, Wanda, Dorothy, and Letita;  
17 her special friend, Milton Merriweather; 18 grandchildren; 29  
18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of  
19 friends and relatives; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 Frances Joann Winfield, and extend our sincere condolences to  
3 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Frances Winfield as an expression of  
7 our deepest sympathy.