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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 Ruthie Dell Fairchild, who passed away on May 22, 2018 at the age of 71; and

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WHEREAS, Ruthie Fairchild was born in Ackerman, Mississippi to Joseph and Esther (Brown) Fairchild on August 21, 1946; she graduated from high school as valedictorian at the age of 16; she received her associate's degree from Clinton Community College and her bachelor's degree from Mount St. Clair; and

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WHEREAS, Ruthie Fairchild was a community activist; she was involved with the Lead Like Jesus Program, a prison and family ministry in the jail system, the Buddy House at Blackhawks Courts Farm, and the Patriots Gateway Community Center; she was the coordinator of the Zion Outreach for over 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Ruthie Fairchild is survived by her son, Edward Jerome Williams; her daughter, Malika (Wilson) Miller; her extended children, Cassandra Jackson, LaNette Williams, and LaMonte Williams; her brothers, Jerome Fairchild, Willie (Julia) Hughes, Malik (Roshelle) Lee, and Joseph (Marclene) Robinson; and her sisters, Ernestine Fairchild and Annette Jones; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Ruthie Dell Fairchild and extend our sincere condolences to her
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
5 further

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