WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Salome Bobbie Matthews Wallace of Richmond Heights, Florida, who passed away on July 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Salome Wallace was born to Lee Matthews and Corrine Cottle-Matthews in Buenavista, Georgia on September 15, 1931; she graduated from George Washington Carver High School in 1951; she married Emery Lee Wallace, and they moved to Richmond Heights in 1952; she attended Nova University and Florida International University, where she earned her master's degree in Social Work and Early Childhood Education; and

WHEREAS, Early in her career, Salome Wallace served the South Miami community through the Economic Opportunity Program Inc. (E.O.P.I.) neighborhood center that provided food and clothing to low-income families; she later created the Teen Center, where she was able to employ the youth in the community and train them to enter the workforce; she went on to direct Head Start programs across Dade County; she taught and led in Florida City, Homestead, Perrine, Brownsville, Little Haiti, and Opa Locka; and
WHEREAS, Salome Wallace was known as a "village mom" in Richmond Heights, serving as a mother to anyone who needed one; she will be remembered for being a pillar and a pioneer of her community for over 70 years; and

WHEREAS, Salome Wallace was preceded in death by her parents; her sister; and her oldest daughter, Vanessa Wallace Maultsey; and

WHEREAS, Salome Wallace is survived by her sons, Emery Lee Wallace Jr., Keith Dale Wallace, and Mark (Rosie) Johnathan Wallace; her son-in-law, Willie "Turk" Hayward; her surrogate son, Elmo Dotson; her daughter, Ellery Wallace Hayward; her surrogate daughters, Dot Lee and Jackie Wright; her grandsons, Antwuan Tremayne Wallace, Emery Lee Wallace III, Bernard (Theresa) Larry Hudson Jr., Mark Johnathan Hudson, Willie (Keisha) George Hayward Jr., and Aja (Kayontae) Kareem Hayward; her granddaughters, Amber (Robert) Lanay Hayward-Carr and Katie Lee Maultsby; her great-grandsons, Bernard Hudson III, Emery Wallace IV, Dariyus Maultsby, Robert Carr III, Siah Hayward, Zane Wallace, Mark Hudson Jr., Julius Telfair Jr., Akachi Hayward, and Azziah Hudson; her great-granddaughters, Charkyla D., Tahlaya Hudson, Vanessa Hudson, Ni'Kiyah Hudson, Erin Wallace, Briell Robinson, Nala Hayward, Aobrie Carr, Damariah Hudson, and Skylar Hudson; her great-great-grandsons, Jayceon Smith, Dion Hill III, Diondre Hill, and Di'Anthony
Hill; her great-great-granddaughter, Journey Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and village children; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Salome Bobbie Matthews Wallace and extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Salome Wallace as an expression of our deepest sympathy.