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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 Evelyn Wiley Rice, who passed away on August 15, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Evelyn Rice was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Clarence and Evelean Tanksley Wiley on November 27, 1940; at the age of seven, she was baptized at First Baptist Church in Livingston; she graduated from Sumter County Training School in Livingston, Alabama; she relocated to Chicago with her sister, Goldie, in 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Evelyn Rice had a number of vocations from seamstress to caregiver, and at one time, she served as a DJ at 1390 AM; and

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WHEREAS, Evelyn Rice was affectionately known as "Lil Eve too hard to please", "Evelaso Morrocco Soul", "ABC 123", and "AB"; although she was orphaned at an early age, she was raised by her loving family and would often laugh when speaking about the mischief that she got into while growing up; and

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WHEREAS, Evelyn Rice was a faithful Christian and a devoted mother, sister, aunt, and friend; she was loved by all who knew her because of her kind, caring, open, and unselfish

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1 manner; she loved her family and friends and was always the  
2 life of the party; and

3 WHEREAS, Evelyn Rice was proceeded in death by her son,  
4 Gregory; her sister, Goldie; her brothers, Wilbur and  
5 Theodore; and her husband, Hamp Rice Jr.; and

6 WHEREAS, Evelyn Rice is survived by her sister, Shirley  
7 (John) Shinaba; her nephews, James (Carolyn) Hill and Tommie  
8 Hill; her nieces, Gloria Fleming, Linda Hill, and Deborah  
9 (Michael) Roberts; and many other nieces and nephews, cousins,  
10 and additional family and friends; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Evelyn Wiley Rice and extend our sincere condolences to her  
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Evelyn Rice as an expression of our  
18 deepest sympathy.