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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Roxy
4 Karyl Taylor, who passed away on April 11, 2026; and

5 WHEREAS, Roxy Taylor was born in Kansas City, Missouri to
6 Frances Shelton and Murriell Umble on September 27, 1940; her
7 life was further shaped by the love and care of Louise and
8 Walter Hubbard; and

9 WHEREAS, Roxy Taylor's journey took her from Kansas City
10 to South Bend, Indiana, before arriving in Chicago, where she
11 spent over ten years singing in various jazz clubs; she was
12 married to Keith Taylor for 17 years and built a family; and

13 WHEREAS, Roxy Taylor cherished connections and loved to
14 socialize, and her warmth, laughter, and presence made every
15 space feel like home; she lived a life filled with rhythm,
16 resilience, and radiant love; and

17 WHEREAS, Roxy Taylor made St. Louis, Missouri her home
18 beginning in 2001; and

19 WHEREAS, Roxy Taylor had a love for music, especially
20 jazz, and held a deep appreciation for legends such as Dinah

1 Washington, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, and more
2 recently, Anita Jackson; and

3 WHEREAS, Roxy Taylor was preceded in death by her parents;
4 her brother, Ray Bowles; and numerous, nieces, nephews,
5 cousins, goddaughters, and dear friends; and

6 WHEREAS, Roxy Taylor is survived by her children, Roslyn,
7 Stacey, and Keith II (Robin); her grandchildren, Alexandria
8 Taylor, Takara Taylor, Kadijah Delgado, and Jalen Taylor; her
9 great-granddaughter, Alaiyah Beauzile; and her siblings,
10 Beverly Reed, Linda Gerber, Leigh "Jayne" Lewis, and Pamela
11 McShan; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we mourn the passing of Roxy Karyl Taylor and extend our
15 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
16 and loved her; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Roxy Taylor as a symbol of our
19 deepest sympathy.