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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 Doris M. Lomax of Chicago, who passed away on March 19, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Doris M. Lomax was born in St. Louis, Missouri on June 26, 1934; after losing her parents at a young age, she was raised by her great-aunt, Lettie Miller, who she visited often even after moving to Chicago; she attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), where she was one of only five Black students at the time; she received a dual degree in art education from SAIC and the University of Chicago, and she earned a Master of Social Work from the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Doris Lomax dedicated her life's work to serving the underserved of Chicago's South Side, beginning her professional career as a teacher and later working for the federal government; and

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WHEREAS, Doris Lomax and her dear friend, Dr. C. Vincent Bakeman, founded an organization in 1974 that would become her legacy, the Human Resources Development Institute (HRDI), where they served as co-executive directors until 2004; through their organization, they filled a void in the social

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1 services available on Chicago's South Side to African
2 Americans who were struggling with mental illness and
3 addiction; in order to raise funds for the organization, they
4 spearheaded the annual fundraising gala, HRDI Seeds of Africa;
5 they were invited to open an HRDI branch in Mississippi by
6 Congressman Bennie G. Thompson due to their success in
7 Chicago, and they assisted Dr. Knight and the late
8 president/CEO of HRDI, Terra Thomas, in developing the
9 Mississippi location into a three-year residential program
10 that served women struggling with drug addiction; and

11 WHEREAS, Doris Lomax was known as a prolific grant writer
12 whose efforts contributed greatly to the growth of HRDI, and
13 she bestowed her knowledge of grant writing techniques on
14 staff; through HRDI, she also participated in many local and
15 international conferences, and she especially enjoyed
16 attending the Counseling and Treating People of Color
17 Conference, an annual conference sponsored by HRDI; her
18 organization and its mission continues to this day under the
19 umbrella of Friend Health; and

20 WHEREAS, Doris Lomax was actively involved in the
21 Governor's Council on Maternal and Fetal Medicine, and she
22 served on her condominium board; she also authored many
23 articles on mental health issues impacting communities of
24 color; and

1 WHEREAS, Doris Lomax was a world traveler, a collector,
2 and a creator of art; she loved relaxing at her cabin in
3 Michigan, and she maintained a beloved tradition of hosting a
4 Christmas holiday dinner for family and friends for decades;
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6 WHEREAS, Doris Lomax will be remembered for her dedication
7 in serving the underserved and for living her life with an open
8 and welcoming heart; and

9 WHEREAS, Doris Lomax was preceded in death by her husband
10 of 27 years, Frank Juzang; and

11 WHEREAS, Doris Lomax was the bonus mother of Deidre,
12 Pamela, Steven, and Maurice; the bonus mother-in-law of Cliff
13 and Rodney; the grandmother of four; the great-grandmother of
14 six; the aunt of Debbie; and the friend of Dr. Paul Carryon,
15 Dr. Ollie M. Knight, and many others; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Doris M. Lomax and extend our sincere condolences to her
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
20 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Doris Lomax as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.