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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Lear Whalin, who passed away on June
4 9, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Lear Whalin was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin in
6 Forest City, Arkansas on July 1, 1919; she committed to her
7 faith at an early age; she and her family migrated to Illinois
8 in 1942; she married Jack Whalin, and he preceded her in death;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Lear Whalin studied beauty culture and became a
11 successful entrepreneur who owned her own beauty shop; and

12 WHEREAS, Lear Whalin lived to see six generations of her
13 family born, and in the process, she blessed them with wisdom,
14 strength, and love for 105 years and 11 months; and

15 WHEREAS, Lear Whalin was preceded in death by her parents;
16 her sisters, Will, Marge, and Naomi; her brother, Howard; and
17 her great-grandson, Raynard; and

18 WHEREAS, Lear Whalin is survived by her child, Lois
19 Preston; her grandchildren, Jacqueline (Larry) Kates, Gail
20 (De) Foley, Vickie (Tom) Bogovich, Richard Preston, Steven

1 (Kim) Preston, Renee (Willie) Cherry, and Kimberly (Robert)
2 Lewis; her great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Lois, Jessica,
3 Larry, Reginald, Richard, Shaylan, Daniel, Kenai, Michael,
4 Darryl, Willie, Marcus, Jeremy, David, Cory, and Mia; and a
5 host of great-great-grandchildren,
6 great-great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and
7 friends; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Lear Whalin and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
11 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Lear Whalin as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.