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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Lori T. Healey of Chicago, who passed
4 away on May 3, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Lori Healey was born to Colonel Stephen Thomas of
6 the United States Army and Linda (Sigley) Thomas in New
7 Orleans, Louisiana in 1959; she received a Bachelor of Arts in
8 Economics and a Master of Science in Public Administration
9 from Kansas State University; and

10 WHEREAS, Lori Healey devoted her professional life to
11 public service, urban development, and community building; she
12 began her career as a policy aide to Kansas Governor John
13 Carlin in 1983; she served as chief of staff and commissioner
14 of the Department of Planning and Development under Chicago
15 Mayor Richard M. Daley, overseeing over \$1 billion in economic
16 development investments; she served as deputy director for
17 Business Development and chief of staff of the Illinois
18 Department of Commerce & Community Affairs under Governor
19 James R. Thompson and Governor Jim Edgar; through this role,
20 she was instrumental in Build Illinois, the State's largest
21 infrastructure and development plan; and

22 WHEREAS, Lori Healey later led Chicago 2016, the bid for

1 the city to host the Summer Olympics and Paralympics Games,
2 and the 2012 NATO and G-8 summits in Chicago; she served as
3 senior vice president and executive project officer to the
4 Obama Foundation in 2020, overseeing the design and
5 construction of the Obama Presidential Center; she also served
6 as CEO of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority,
7 spearheading major developments, including the Marriott
8 Marquis Chicago and Wintrust Arena; and

9 WHEREAS, Lori Healey also worked in the private sector,
10 including serving as president of Clayco's Chicago Business
11 Unit, as CEO of Tur Partners, and as a principal in the
12 Development Group for the John Buck Company and at
13 Perkins&Will; and

14 WHEREAS, Lori Healey was deeply involved in civic
15 organizations, serving on many of Chicago's most prominent
16 boards, including the Chicago Fire Department Foundation,
17 Choose Chicago, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, the
18 Chicago Sports Commission, the Chicago Urban League, the City
19 Club of Chicago, Navy Pier, Chicago Architecture Foundation,
20 and World Business Chicago; she was also an advisory board
21 member of the Loyola University Health System, the Civic
22 Consulting Alliance, and the Civic Federation; and

23 WHEREAS, Lori Healey was recognized as a Distinguished

1 Alumna by Kansas State University, and she was also honored
2 with the Game Changer Award at the 37th Annual Chicago
3 Commercial Real Estate Awards; and

4 WHEREAS, Lori Healey was an experienced horsewoman who
5 competed in dressage at a national level, and she was an avid
6 supporter of all Chicago sports teams; she enjoyed golfing,
7 downhill skiing, and traveling; she loved sharing good food
8 and wine with family and longtime friends; and

9 WHEREAS, Lori Healey committed her life to her community
10 and to the empowerment of women and children; she was known for
11 her strategic vision, dogged determination, collaborative
12 leadership, and unwavering commitment to the city she loved;
13 she leaves behind a legacy of achievement and leadership that
14 will continue to inspire; and

15 WHEREAS, Lori Healey was preceded in death by her parents
16 and her brother, Stephen A. Thomas; and

17 WHEREAS, Lori Healey is survived by her children, Ramsey
18 (Christina Kozaya) Al-Abed and Emily (Steve Lewis) Thompson
19 Lewis; four grandchildren; her partner, Walt Eckenhoff; and a
20 wide network of friends, colleagues, and mentees; therefore,
21 be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Lori T. Healey and extend our sincere condolences to her
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Lori Healey as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.