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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 Elise Lorraine "Lisa" Horton-Newkirk; and

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WHEREAS, Elise Horton-Newkirk was born in Chicago to Willie Mac Horton and Lula Rhyne Horton on August 19, 1958; she attended Cook Elementary School and graduated from Simeon Vocational High School; she earned her certification as a registered nurse at Olive-Harvey Junior College; she married Hubert Newkirk on May 17, 1996; and

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WHEREAS, Elise Horton-Newkirk had a successful career in nursing, working for several companies before finding her calling with the medical unit of the Chicago Fire Department; she served with dedication and compassion until her retirement in 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Elise Horton-Newkirk joined Oakdale Covenant Church in 1992 and was a faithful member who served in the health ministry; and

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WHEREAS, Elise Horton-Newkirk was dedicated to her family, attending nearly every event, reunion, and holiday gathering; she enjoyed spending time with her sister, Tiffany, shopping,

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1 watching movies, attending live entertainment events, or
2 simply hanging out; she was also a devoted daughter and
3 caregiver to her parents; and

4 WHEREAS, Elise Horton-Newkirk was a true creative spirit;
5 she enjoyed cooking and embraced challenging recipes with the
6 confidence of a master chef; she canned, baked, and blended
7 her own sauces and found genuine joy in taking care of her
8 home; she crafted her own soaps, candles, lotions, and
9 skincare products and advocated fiercely for preparedness and
10 survival skills; she loved water aerobics, spa trips, luxury
11 hotel getaways, and cruises with her husband; and

12 WHEREAS, Elise Horton-Newkirk was preceded in death by her
13 mother, Lula Rhyne Horton; and

14 WHEREAS, Elise Horton-Newkirk is survived by her husband,
15 Hubert; her daughter, Tiffany Horton; her father, Willie Mac
16 Horton; her sister, Karen (Alonzo) Horton Alexander; her
17 brother, Darryl (Corthelius) Horton; her stepdaughter, Michele
18 Newkirk; her stepson, Kevin Newkirk; her nephew, Darryl "DJ"
19 Horton Jr.; her niece, Khloe Perry; her aunts, Doris
20 (Reginald) Andrews, Delores Humphries, Carolyn Rhyne, Willie
21 Mae Johnson, Mazell Ryan, and Ethel Standford; her uncles,
22 Melvin (Shirley) Rhyne and Warren Schaffer; and numerous
23 cousins, extended family, and friends; therefore, 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 Elise Lorraine "Lisa" Horton-Newkirk and extend our sincere
4 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
5 her; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Elise Horton-Newkirk as a symbol of
8 our deepest sympathy.