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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 Minnie Pearl (Collins) Taylor, who passed away on January 4, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Minnie Pearl Taylor was born to Johnny and Minnie Lee Collins in Belzoni, Mississippi; after her mother's passing in 1966, she moved to Springfield, Illinois, where she became a member of Southeast High School's first graduating class in 1968; and

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WHEREAS, Minnie Pearl Taylor had an extensive work history; she worked for Angelica in St. Louis, Missouri, and she retired from International Mason in Detroit, Michigan in 2016; upon returning to Illinois, she worked for Cahokia Unit School District #187; and

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WHEREAS, Minnie Pearl Taylor committed to her faith at an early age, and she found her church family at Love Outreach Ministries; and

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WHEREAS, Minnie Pearl Taylor was a beloved mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend who was known for her kindness, grace, and love; and

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1 WHEREAS, Minnie Pearl was preceded in death by her
2 parents; her daughter, Sharron Marie Swanson; and her sisters,
3 Dorothy Collins and Ollie Carter-Gilliam; and

4 WHEREAS, Minnie Pearl Taylor is survived by her children,
5 James (Terri) Scurlark, Dr. Stephanie Scurlark (Senator
6 Christopher) Belt, and Latasha Bailey (Talmadge) Johnson; her
7 siblings, Johnny Collins Jr., Vira Williams, Anna Bell
8 (Authur) Gordon, and Eloise Collins; ten grandchildren; and
9 five great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Minnie Pearl (Collins) Taylor and extend our sincere
13 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
14 her; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Minnie Pearl Taylor as an
17 expression of our deepest sympathy.