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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 Sandra Jean Booker, who passed away on August 13, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Sandra Booker, the daughter of Judge A. Booker and the late Wynona (Bea) Williams-Booker, was born in Coatopa, Alabama on August 19, 1960; she committed to her faith at an early age, joining First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church in 1970; she graduated from the North Chicago school system in 1979, completed the basic nurse assistant training program at the College of Lake County, and became a licensed certified nursing assistant (CNA) in October 1983; and

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WHEREAS, Sandra Booker began her career as a CNA at Winchester House in 1983 and then transitioned to the Chicago Medical School, now Rosalind Franklin School of Medicine, as a medical assistant; she later served at the Lake County Health Department from 1991 to 2013 in a variety of roles, including home health nursing assistant, community health associate, and senior public health assistant, forming lasting and impactful relationships by working with teen mothers in Stepping Together and with seniors in Home Health; she then worked as a home-based specialist, respite care provider, and

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1 self-employed caregiver; in addition to her public health
2 career, she served the Genesee Theatre for more than 20 years
3 and was honored with a seat bearing her name; and

4 WHEREAS, Sandra Booker volunteered as a Lake County Adult
5 Probation Officer for over 20 years; she also dedicated time
6 to My Father's Business Organization, mentoring young
7 teenagers and teaching them essential life skills; and

8 WHEREAS, Sandra Booker loved to dance and spend time with
9 her family, including her children, Natisha Booker and Samuel
10 D.A. Gray; and

11 WHEREAS, Sandra Booker will be remembered for her vibrant
12 personality, ability to bring people together, and genuine
13 investment in the success of others; and

14 WHEREAS, Sandra Booker's work of serving youth, teen
15 mothers, and senior citizens is continued by the Sandra J.
16 Booker Foundation in Libertyville, which provides financial
17 assistance and strategic programming to uplift and empower
18 these populations in the Lake County community; and

19 WHEREAS, The Sandra J. Booker Foundation has demonstrated
20 meaningful community impact since its founding by providing
21 financial support to Waukegan Township's Grandparents Raising

1 Grandchildren program, awarding financial assistance to
2 students attending the College of Lake County certified
3 nursing assistant program, partnering with Girls and Boys of
4 Character to sponsor an educational experience tour of
5 Washington, D.C., providing monthly food support to My
6 Father's Business Organization for an after-school program
7 focused on spiritual growth and essential educational and life
8 skills, partnering with Co-Pastor Cory Ratliff of Sign of the
9 Dove Church to sponsor students attending a summer sports and
10 academic camp, and providing financial support to senior
11 citizens for grocery and essential needs; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Sandra Jean Booker and extend our sincere condolences to her
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Sandra Booker as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.