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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Tamer Lee Lois Williams Gonzalez of
4 Chicago, who passed away on April 11, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Tamer Lee Gonzalez was born to Cassiette and
6 Christopher Williams in Peoria on July 19, 1991; she attended
7 the Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center in Peoria; as a
8 child, she took ballet and tap lessons and participated in
9 softball; after relocating to Champaign, she entered second
10 grade at Holy Cross Catholic School before transferring to Dr.
11 Howard Elementary School; she began learning the violin and
12 attended summer music camps at the University of Illinois; she
13 was selected for the gifted program within Champaign Unit 4
14 School District; she played the piano and violin by the time
15 she was eight years old, and she eventually learned how to play
16 the harp, viola, and clarinet, mastering every instrument by
17 6th grade; she accompanied her mother to the University of
18 Illinois Black Chorus classes, where she developed as a singer
19 by studying the songs being performed; and

20 WHEREAS, Tamer Lee Gonzalez relocated to Chicago on August
21 12, 2004; she joined the new music program at St. Sabina
22 Academy, where she received the Kuumba Award; she completed
23 her freshman year at John Marshall High School, where she took

1 piano and choir classes; during her high school career, she
2 was an active participant in After School Matters with the HHW
3 Ensemble, and she was featured in Ebony and JET magazines and
4 the Chicago Defender; she graduated from Hyde Park Academy and
5 the Merit School of Music in 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, Tamer Lee Gonzalez enrolled as a music major at
7 Valparaiso University in Indiana, where her professors
8 encouraged her to sing instead of playing the violin, and she
9 left the university and took classes at a community college;
10 she became a mother to her son, Jordan-Amman Isiah
11 West-Williams, on November 20, 2011; she continued auditioning
12 for larger music venues, and her last audition for The Voice
13 was the final time she attempted to sing for a popular
14 television program; she married DeAndre "Dre" X, and they
15 divorced after her health began to fail; she later married
16 Milton Gonzalez in March 2024; and

17 WHEREAS, Tamer Lee Gonzalez committed to her faith at an
18 early age, and she was baptized at St. Martin de Porres
19 Catholic Church in Peoria; while residing in Champaign, she
20 attended The Church of the Living God, where she played the
21 violin, specifically Suzuki songs, at the beginning of church
22 services and sang in the children's choir for six years; after
23 moving to Chicago, she began attending Saturday mass at Saint
24 Sabina Church and Sunday service at St. Mark AME Zion Church

1 until after she became a mother; and

2 WHEREAS, Tamer Lee Gonzalez was a dedicated volunteer in
3 her community, a gifted musician and singer, and a beloved
4 daughter, mother, and wife; and

5 WHEREAS, Tamer Lee Gonzalez was preceded in death by her
6 grandmother, Madeline Boney West, and her godparents, Sam Polk
7 and Jean Polk; and

8 WHEREAS, Tamer Lee Gonzalez is survived by her parents,
9 Cassiette West-Williams and Christopher R. Williams; her son,
10 Jordan-Amman Isiah "JA" West-Williams; her husband, Milton
11 Gonzalez; her favorite paternal cousin, Heather Raymo; her
12 favorite female maternal cousin, Delia West; her favorite male
13 cousins, Jordan West and Amman West; and her aunts, uncles,
14 cousins, relatives, neighbors from the 76th Street Cregier
15 Block, and friends; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Tamer Lee Lois Williams Gonzalez and extend our sincere
19 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
20 her; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Tamer Lee Gonzalez as an expression
2 of our deepest sympathy.