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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Carol Marie Gaines, who passed away on
4 July 7, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Carol Gaines, the daughter of Gertie Dunkin, was
6 born in Chicago on April 19, 1947; she was raised in the
7 Cabrini-Green neighborhood of Chicago and attended Cooley High
8 School; and

9 WHEREAS, Carol Gaines was a fierce protector of her family
10 and those she loved; she was known for her uplifting spirit,
11 her straightforward nature, and for being the life of the
12 party; she will be remembered for her kindness, passion,
13 resilience, unwavering determination, and strong character;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Carol Gaines was preceded in death by her
16 children, Joseph Dunkin, Ruben Dunkin, and Tiny Dunkin; and

17 WHEREAS, Carol Gaines is survived by her children, Kenneth
18 "Ken" Dunkin, Michael Dunkin, and LaTasha Dunkin; a host of
19 grandchildren; her extended relatives and friends; and her
20 special friend, Pops; 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 Carol Marie Gaines 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 Carol Gaines as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.