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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Billie Jean Lucas, who passed away on September 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Billie Jean Lucas was born in Florence, Mississippi to Mitchell and Mattie Hopson on March 17, 1936; and

WHEREAS, Billie Jean Lucas spent 23 years at the Sara Lee Bakery Corporation; later, she worked at the Illinois State Tollway Authority before retiring in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Billie Jean Lucas's faith was the foundation of her life; she was a member of Mt. Zion First Holy Miracle Baptist Church for 30 years, where she served in the gospel choir for 16 years and was Mother's Board chairperson, secretary, and treasurer for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Billie Jean Lucas enjoyed cooking, gardening, backyard grilling, and partying with her friends and family; she had a great sense of humor and uplifted everyone around her with her wit; her kindness and compassion inspired those around her, and her generosity and consideration for others were hallmarks of her character; and

1 WHEREAS, Billie Jean Lucas was preceded in death by her
2 parents; her husband, Frank; her children, Kenneth
3 Hopson-Lucas, Daryl Lucas, and Faye Lucas; three sisters; and
4 six brothers; and

5 WHEREAS, Billie Jean Lucas is survived by her daughters,
6 Carolyn Todd and Sherry Lucas-Tate; her Godson, Edgar
7 (Carolyn) Seale; her granddaughters, Melloney (Henry) Owens,
8 Kamilah (Jeremy) Todd, LaTashia Hayes, Rokenna (Cordney)
9 Holmes, and Kenya (Antoine) Patterson; 10 great-grandchildren;
10 five great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews,
11 cousins, and friends; and her special friends, Mother Callie
12 Shears, Sister Jennie Howell, Anthony James, and Larry Hughes;
13 therefore, be it

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

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Billie Jean Lucas as an expression
21 of our deepest sympathy.