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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Karen
4 Susan Elmira Johnson Jones, who passed away on September 10,
5 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, Karen Jones was born to Claire Yvonne Johnson and
7 Alfred Lloyd Johnson Sr. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on
8 January 12, 1961; she graduated from Saul W.B. Agricultural
9 School in 1978; she earned her Bachelor of Science in
10 Chemistry from Beaver College, known today as Arcadia
11 University, in 1982; she married Glenn Allen Jones in Fort
12 Worth, Texas, and they resided in Gurnee, Illinois; she
13 obtained her MBA from the Lake Forest Graduate School of
14 Management in 2001; and

15 WHEREAS, Karen Jones worked at Abbott Laboratories, a
16 Global Healthcare and Fortune 500 company, for 33 years; she
17 retired as Communications and Quality Operations Program
18 Manager; during her tenure, she received several awards and
19 accolades, and she was a member of several professional
20 organizations and committees; and

21 WHEREAS, Karen Jones committed to her faith at a young
22 age; as a child, she was baptized at Pinkett Tabernacle

1 Friendly Methodist Church in North Philadelphia; she was an
2 active member of Turning Point Life Church in Kenosha,
3 Wisconsin; and

4 WHEREAS, For 20 years, Karen Jones served as the CEO of The
5 Chocolate Chip Association, a STEM/STEAM program based in Lake
6 County that has taught thousands of Black and Brown girls
7 worldwide in entrepreneurship, aviation, cooking, performing
8 arts, robotics, and all things STEAM-related; and

9 WHEREAS, Karen Jones is survived by her husband of 38
10 years, Glenn; her children, Glen Alexander, Christopher Owen,
11 and Joy Cassandra; her parents; her brothers, Alfred (Wanda),
12 Jeffrey, Timothy (Calencia), and Caleaf; her granddaughters,
13 Amira and Nylah; her mother-in-law, Bernice Jones; her
14 sister-in-law, Helen Jones; her brothers-in-law, Douglas
15 (Regina) Jones and Lawrence Jones; the Spann Clan; the
16 McAliley's; her special friends, Sandra Dixon, Lenita Spears,
17 Patricia Jones, Betty Peeples, Carla Little, Kimberly Bright,
18 Teresa Brown, Lisa Wilkerson, Trechy Beasley, Kay Kneeland,
19 Astrid Tompkins, Mori Banks, Rose Lewis, and Sheila Banks; and
20 a host of cousins, relatives, family, and friends; therefore,
21 be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
23 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn the passing of Karen Susan Elmira Johnson Jones and
2 extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all
3 who knew and loved her; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Karen Jones as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.