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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Ramona 4 Lisa Wilson Mahoney, who passed away on April 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ramona Mahoney was born to Nevin and Evelyn Wilson on the north side of Chicago on June 26, 1960; she lived in Cabrini-Greens before moving to Chicago's south side as a child; she attended Burnside Elementary School and Chicago Vocational High School; she briefly attended Northwestern Business College; she married Clarence Mahoney on April 24, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Ramona Mahoney was a woman of many talents and held several jobs throughout her life, including as a clerk for Carson Pirie Scott & Company and Illinois Bell, an information specialist for RTA Travel Information, a customer service/account representative for Highland Superstores, an attendance clerk for Myra Bradwell Academy, a patient assistant for the Department of Human Services, a cashier/cook for White Castle, and a para-transit driver for Cook/DuPage Transportation Services; and

WHEREAS, Ramona Mahoney was a daughter, sister, wife, mother, and friend, titles she valued above all; she treated

- 1 everyone's children as her own, maintaining many of those
- 2 relationships until her passing; her favorite yearly event was
- 3 the family picnic, as she loved seeing family and friends come
- 4 together for laughter, fun, games, and breaking bread over a
- 5 great meal; she was famous for her spaghetti and taco salad;
- 6 and
- WHEREAS, Ramona Mahoney loved family, people, and animals;
- 8 she also loved listening to music, dancing, playing cards,
- 9 solving crossword puzzles, watching action movies and sports,
- 10 and spending time outdoors to experience the fresh air and the
- smell of fresh flowers; she greatly enjoyed attending concerts
- of all music genres, sporting events, comedy shows, and other
- 13 types of cultural events; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Ramona Mahoney was affectionately known as "Moe
- Moe", "Moe", and "MaMoe"; she will be remembered for her
- 16 gentle spirit and her ability to quickly put others at ease;
- 17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, Ramona Mahoney was preceded in death by parents,
- 19 her husband, and her sister, Lorna; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Ramona Mahoney is survived by her daughters,
- 21 Clarissa, Carla, and Angela; her grandchildren, Tavaris "TJ"
- 22 Jr., Raniyah, and Richard "Richie" III; her sisters, Charmaine

- 1 and Rochelle; her brothers, Lamar (Marty), Chelsey, and Andre
- 2 (Jennifer); her aunt, Lela Pierce; her uncle, Cleveland
- 3 Pierce; her godson, Chance McIntosh; and a host of nieces,
- 4 nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 6 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 7 we mourn the passing of Ramona Lisa Wilson Mahoney and extend
- 8 our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who
- 9 knew and loved her; and be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 11 presented to the family of Ramona Mahoney as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.