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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  
4 Alexandria Lynn Scott Pearson of Peoria, who passed away on  
5 March 17, 2024; and

6           WHEREAS, Lynn Scott Pearson was born to Allen and Gabrella  
7 (McClelland) Scott in Bloomington on December 6, 1941; and

8           WHEREAS, Lynn Scott Pearson worked as a materials handler  
9 at Caterpillar, Inc., retiring after 30 years of service in  
10 1998; while at Caterpillar, she was very active with UAW Local  
11 974, the CAP Committee, the Women Committee, and the Fair  
12 Practice Committee, and she presided as co-chair of Unit 4;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, Lynn Scott Pearson was elected to the Peoria  
15 County Board in 1984, where she served for 32 years before  
16 retiring in 2016; she served as vice-chair from 1992 to 1994  
17 and 1996 to 1998; she became the first African American to be  
18 appointed chairperson, serving in that position from 1998 to  
19 2000; during her tenure, she was a member of numerous  
20 committees and a trailblazer, championing many incentives that  
21 still benefit the region today; and

1           WHEREAS, Lynn Scott Pearson passionately fought on behalf  
2 of others throughout her life, joining the NAACP at a young age  
3 to bring change to the hiring practices at Sears & Roebucks and  
4 Cilco Electric Co. in Peoria; she was a lifelong member of the  
5 Peoria NAACP, serving on numerous committees and boards over  
6 the years; and

7           WHEREAS, Lynn Scott Pearson represented her community  
8 through many other organizations, including serving as the  
9 chairperson of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and  
10 the Peoria County Democratic Women Committee, a delegate for  
11 the 1980 Democratic Convention, the co-chair of Peoria  
12 Community Against Violence, the board president of the  
13 Friendship House, a board member of the United Way, a charter  
14 member of the Peoria Red Hat Club and the A. Phillip Randolph  
15 Foundation, and a member of the Peoria African American Hall  
16 of Fame and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program; she became a  
17 member of the Police and Fire Commission on June 28, 2005,  
18 serving as chairperson from 2008 and 2022 and vice-chair until  
19 December 2023; and

20           WHEREAS, Lynn Scott Pearson was a lifelong member of Ward  
21 Chapel AME Church, where she was one of only two women to serve  
22 as trustee; she was also chair of the Social Action  
23 Commission, where she organized the candidate forum,  
24 registered voters, and kept the congregation informed on

1 issues affecting their community; and

2 WHEREAS, Lynn Scott Pearson was the recipient of many  
3 accolades, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative  
4 Service Leadership Award in 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Lynn Scott Pearson enjoyed traveling, reading,  
6 caring for her family, listening to music, attending social  
7 gatherings, eagle watching, and pairing good food with good  
8 conversation; and

9 WHEREAS, Lynn Scott Pearson was a true caregiver, serving  
10 her family, friends, church, and community, and served as a  
11 mentor to many women; she will be remembered as a champion for  
12 female empowerment in politics and civic affairs; and

13 WHEREAS, Lynn Scott Pearson was preceded in death by her  
14 parents; her son, Scott Darell Pearson; and her sisters, Karen  
15 Scott and Betty Welch; and

16 WHEREAS, Lynn Scott Pearson is survived by her sons, Allen  
17 Pearson Sr. and Jay (Ja'nice) Pearson; her grandchildren,  
18 Ciera (Kevin Syrov) Wallace, Nevaeh (DeMarcus Stephenson)  
19 Pearson, Allen Pearson Jr., Brianne Pearson, Nikia Pearson,  
20 Jamara (Christian) Pearson-Lloyd, Caleb (Hallaha Powers)  
21 Pearson, Christiaan Pearson, and Deven Pearson; her seven

1 great-grandchildren, Kieran, Celisa, Jamaría, Jay, Amiya,  
2 Alaysia, and Alexander; her nieces, Kendra Nunn and Ebonie  
3 Scott; her nephews, Corey Scott and Glen Scott; her special  
4 friends, Barbra Jamison and Edie Grady; and a host of  
5 relatives and friends; therefore, be it

6       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we mourn the passing of Alexandria Lynn Scott Pearson and  
9 extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all  
10 who knew and loved her; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Lynn Scott Pearson as an expression  
13 of our deepest sympathy.