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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Aréanah M. Preston; and

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WHEREAS, Aréanah Preston was born in Las Vegas, Nevada to
Dionne and Allen Preston on June 7, 1998; after her parents
divorced, her mother married Terrance Mhooon, who was proud to
take on the role of father; she attended the Robert A. Black
Magnet Elementary School, where she excelled academically and
graduated with honors in 2012; she attended UIC College Prep
High School, where she continued to flourish scholastically
and developed a great love for cheerleading; she graduated
from UIC College Preparatory High School in 2016 and enrolled
in Illinois State University; she joined The Women of
Enlightenment Chapter of the National Association of Colored
Women's Club; she studied abroad in Germany, and it was her
dream to work in the area of forensics science; she received
her Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice in
2019; and

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WHEREAS, Aréanah Preston joined the Chicago Police
Department in May of 2021; she continued her education,
earning her Master of Jurisprudence degree, with a
concentration in Child and Family Law from Loyola University;
on May 13, 2023, her family attended Loyola University's

1 graduation ceremony and accepted her degree posthumously; and

2 WHEREAS, Aréanah Preston was a volunteer for the Leukemia
3 Research Foundation, working to raise funds and bring
4 awareness and support to the families of Leukemia patients;
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6 WHEREAS, Aréanah Preston was affectionately known as
7 "Bae", "Nani", "Re'Re", "Captain", "Seester", "Aré", and
8 "Officer"; her affectionate spirit spoke volumes, and she had
9 a sense of humor that was second to none; she never met a
10 stranger, and her outgoing character, appealing smile, and
11 extraordinary ability to connect with people made everyone she
12 encountered feel comfortable and at ease; she lived her life
13 to the fullest, often traveling with family and friends; she
14 deeply enjoyed celebrating weddings, graduations, and
15 holidays; and

16 WHEREAS, Aréanah Preston's superpower was laughter, and
17 she was eager to share that with each person she knew or just
18 met; she loved sunflowers, which symbolize happiness,
19 optimism, honesty, longevity, peace, admiration, and devotion,
20 all of the qualities that encapsulate who she was as a
21 daughter, sister, cousin, and friend; and

22 WHEREAS, Aréanah Preston had an incredible love for

1 cooking and an insatiable appetite for seafood; eating,
2 especially seafood boils, and reading James Baldwin novels
3 were two of her favorite pastimes; she enjoyed shopping and
4 was an avid collector of fashionable gym shoes; she amassed an
5 unimaginable amount of stylish gym shoes and, at any given
6 time, you could find her dancing and singing about her latest
7 purchase; and

8 WHEREAS, Aréannah Preston was preceded in death by her
9 grandmother, Jeanette Myers, and Virginia Thatch and Edward
10 Preston; and

11 WHEREAS, Aréannah Preston is survived by her mother and
12 stepfather, Dionne and Terrance Mhoon; her sisters, Amiyah and
13 Amyrah; her uncle, Christopher (Adriana) Williams; her PaPa;
14 her Big, Bria from NACWC and childhood friend, Trenise; DJ
15 (CPD Partner); her Chicago Police Department family; her bonus
16 sisters, Aa'jah, Paa'shion, and Tia; her aunt, Sonia (John);
17 her biological father, Allen Preston; her paternal aunt,
18 Anjela; her special cousins, Jru and Madison; and numerous
19 cousins, aunts, uncles, bonus family members, and friends;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
23 Aréannah M. Preston and extend our sincere condolences to her

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Aréannah Preston as an expression of
5 our deepest sympathy.