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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Vivian "Viv" (Brimmer) Brown, who passed away on September 11, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Vivian Brown was born to Carroll Nathan and Lillian Shelton Brimmer in Chicago on July 14, 1922; she was raised in West Woodlawn; she attended McCosh Elementary School and graduated from Englewood High School in June 1940; she later received an associate's degree from Wilson Junior College; she married William Robert Brown on August 31, 1947, and they had three children and raised their family in Woodlawn, Englewood, Bronzeville, and Chatham before purchasing a home in West Chesterfield, and he preceded her in death in 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Vivian Brown began her career as a librarian at the central branch of the Chicago Public Library; she later transferred to the Oakwood branch in Lincoln Center; after an interim with the Chicago Commission for Handicapped Children, she took a position as a catalogue librarian at Chicago State University (CSU), where she worked until retiring in 2005 after 38 years of service; while employed at CSU, she completed her baccalaureate degree in Black Studies; and

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1 WHEREAS, Vivian Brown was a lifetime member of Sigma Gamma
2 Rho Sorority, Inc. and sang regularly in the choir at Lincoln
3 Memorial Church, where she had been baptized and married; and

4 WHEREAS, Vivian Brown enjoyed reading, working crossword
5 puzzles, and traveling extensively, including a 1988 trip to
6 Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore; she also enjoyed watching NBA
7 basketball, especially the Golden State Warriors; on her 100th
8 birthday, she was honored with a call from Scottie Pippen and a
9 musical tribute from the Grammy winning group Take Six; and

10 WHEREAS, Vivian Brown is survived by her children, Lydia
11 Louise (Magras Muhammad), Charlotte Marie, and William
12 (Barbara) Brown Jr.; two grandchildren; two great-nephews; one
13 great-granddaughter; one great-grandson; six
14 great-grandnieces; her great-grandnephews; and a host of
15 friends and great-great- grandnieces and
16 great-great-grandnephews; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Vivian "Viv" (Brimmer) Brown and extend our sincere
20 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
21 her; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Vivian Brown as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.