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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 Janice E. Curry, who passed away on September 7, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Janice Curry, the daughter of Herbert Lomax and Anna Walker-Gillespie, was born in Maywood on June 20, 1948; she attended Washington Elementary School and graduated from Proviso East High School in 1966; she then studied pre-law at Northwestern Business College; she married Johnny Curry at Second Baptist Church in 1967, and they later divorced; and

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WHEREAS, Janice Curry worked as an executive assistant at International Harvester and Commonwealth Edison; although her career took her into the corporate world, she also worked to support those in need, embracing that purpose at the Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action; and

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WHEREAS, Janice Curry was a devoted woman of faith; she was baptized as a child at the family's church, Second Baptist, but later became a member of James Memorial AME Church in 1984; she was an active member for 44 years, serving in the sanctuary choir; her greatest spiritual milestone was when she traveled to Jerusalem and was baptized in the Holy Land in 1990; and

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1           WHEREAS, Janice Curry published the book A Miracle in the  
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4           WHEREAS, Janice Curry love bowling and was a member of  
5           leagues at Superbowl and Rivera Lanes; she was an avid fan of  
6           basketball and football playoff pools; she also enjoyed quiet  
7           time, immersing herself in morning devotions and enjoying word  
8           searches and adult coloring books; and

9           WHEREAS, Janice Curry was known for her humor and empathy;  
10          her door was always open to those in need, and she offered  
11          solace and wisdom to those who sought her counsel; her love for  
12          her family was limitless, and she always made herself  
13          available to support or guide her children; and

14          WHEREAS, Janice Curry was preceded in death by her  
15          granddaughter, Aaliah Curry; and

16          WHEREAS, Janice Curry is survived by her children, Deena  
17          (Derrick) Vassel, Antoine (Shebkra "Beka") Curry, and Portia  
18          (Victor) Davenport; her sister, Senita Simpson; 13  
19          grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces,  
20          nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends; therefore, be  
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1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
3 Janice Curry and extend our sincere condolences to her family,  
4 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Janice Curry as an expression of our  
7 deepest sympathy.