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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 Jann Alberta Mae Beauchamp, who passed away on October 18, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp was born to Albert Alexander and Cornelia Mae Cox in Chicago on December 7, 1931; she graduated from Grant Elementary School in Chicago and her family moved to Maywood in 1945; she graduated from Proviso Township High School in 1949 and attended the University of Illinois at Navy Pier; she married James A. Beauchamp on October 16, 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp was devoted to her faith; she joined Canaan AME Church in Maywood and was baptized in December 1946; her family joined St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Forest Park in 1969, where she was a member for 55 years and served in various roles; and

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WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp returned to college as a wife and mother; she received her associate degree from Triton College and her Bachelor of Arts from Rosary College, known today as Dominican University; after earning her Master of Business Administration from Rosary College, she used her training and skill set to give back to the community; she worked at Dominican University in River Forest as an administrative

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1 assistant to its presidents, Sister Candida Lund and Sister
2 Jean Murray, from June 1972 to August 1983; she then served as
3 an adjunct faculty member at Triton College from 1985 until
4 2002; at the Triton Resource Center, she helped train students
5 as registered nurses and court reporters and in other
6 disciplines; and

7 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp was elected to the Proviso Family
8 Service and Mental Health Board in Melrose Park, where she
9 served from 1977 to 1998; she was appointed as an alternate
10 board member by St. John Lutheran Church, and she served on the
11 board of directors of Walther Lutheran High School in Melrose
12 Park from 1977 to 1981; she won her first general election as a
13 school board member of Proviso Township High School District
14 209 in 1991; that same year, she was elected as a trustee for
15 the Village of Bellwood, where she served from 1995 to 2003;
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17 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp was a forerunner and a
18 trailblazer; she was charter member of the National Museum of
19 African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. in
20 2012; and

21 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp was the recipient of numerous
22 accolades, acknowledgments, and awards, including receiving
23 the Marquis Who's Who in America Award as an educator and

1 information scientist twice in her 90s; she was also
2 recognized and honored in many local and national newspapers,
3 journals, and books; and

4 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp was an avid golfer and reader, and
5 she was a patron of the fine arts and performing arts; she
6 retained her drive for knowledge in her later years through
7 taking community classes, attending performances, and
8 researching her family genealogy; and

9 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp was preceded in death by her
10 husband of 44 years, James; her parents; and her siblings,
11 Melville Carr, Laura Jackson, Charlotte Wheeler, Alice McNeal,
12 Elaine Sampson, and Albert Cox Jr.; and

13 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp is survived by her children, David
14 Beauchamp, Carol Beauchamp Randolph, and Elaine
15 Beauchamp-Prosper; her grandchildren, Calvin Randolph Jr.,
16 Cristen (Dirk) Blanchard, Alan Beauchamp, Mallory Beauchamp,
17 Corey Harris, Amador (Juliet) Porras, Courtney Harris,
18 Isabella Porras, and Zoe Porras; and her great-grandchildren,
19 Dexter Harris, Zeppelin Porras, and Demi Harris; therefore, be
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21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Jann Alberta Mae Beauchamp and extend our sincere condolences
2 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Jann Beauchamp as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.