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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 Lori Jamae Wilcox, who passed away on October 10, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Lori Wilcox was born on October 29, 1976; she was a combat veteran, enlisting in the U.S. Army at the age of 17 and participating in missions worldwide, including Operation Joint Guard in Bosnia; she pursued advanced degrees, including a Doctorate in Education, and earned certifications as a Master Municipal Clerk; and

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WHEREAS, Lori Wilcox was a trailblazer, making history as the first elected City Clerk of Chicago Heights, a position she served across three successful terms, ending in 2023; she was previously elected as committeeman of the Bloom Township Democrats in 2018, becoming the second woman and youngest person to hold the role, and she served as co-chair of the Cook County Democratic Party's Outreach Committee; and

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WHEREAS, Lori Wilcox was founder and CEO of Resilience Unveiled: Revive, Renew & Revamp (R34u), a collaborative initiative designed to support and uplift women in service; she was also an author and advocate, sharing her personal journey of healing and transformation through her books,

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1 Broken and Left for Dead and Secret Sauce to Wealth; and

2 WHEREAS, Lori Wilcox was a dedicated member of Rotary
3 International, contributing as a leader and an international
4 liaison, by which she fostered connections across cultures
5 through Friendship Exchanges; and

6 WHEREAS, Lori Wilcox served as a mentor, guiding several
7 women to become judges and helping many others succeed in
8 politics and business; she supported veteran initiatives,
9 cancer survivors, and community outreach programs, and she
10 pursued mentoring and volunteering at local schools, churches,
11 and nursing homes; and

12 WHEREAS, Lori Wilcox was the devoted mother of three
13 exceptional children, nurturing their academic and athletic
14 success while embodying her belief in personal growth and
15 education; and

16 WHEREAS, Lori Wilcox's life reflects her commitment to
17 service, resilience, and empowering others, and her impact
18 will continue to inspire the many lives she touched;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Lori Jamae Wilcox and extend our sincere condolences to her
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Lori Wilcox as an expression of our esteem and
6 respect.