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1 SENATE RESOLUTION WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened 2 3 to learn of the death of Linda Sue (Loving) Williams, who 4 passed away on September 29, 2024; and 5 WHEREAS, Linda Williams, the daughter of Edward and Alma 6 Bland, was born in Chicago on November 13, 1949; she was raised 7 in Springfield; she earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts 8 and sciences from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; 9 she married Donald "Don" Williams in 1975; and 10 WHEREAS, Linda Williams' professional tenure was served at 11 the Illinois Department of Public Aid; and 12 WHEREAS, Linda Williams was a dedicated lifelong member of 13 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; and 14 WHEREAS, Linda Williams was a people person who never met 15 a stranger, and she and her husband, Don, met many people, 16 including senators, governors, presidents, and professional 17 boxers and singers; and WHEREAS, Linda Williams was considered the go-to person to 18 19 family and friends, as she was passionate about helping them 20 reach their goals; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Linda Williams was known for her beautiful voice,
- 2 which she shared on special occasions, and as a fierce bid
- 3 whist competitor; she also enjoyed shopping and traveling; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Linda Williams loved being surrounded by
- 5 laughter, storytelling, and humor; she will be remembered for
- 6 her love of community and her generosity; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Linda Williams was preceded in death by her
- 8 parents and her brother, Jeff Bland; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Linda Williams is survived by her best friend and
- 10 husband, Don; her fur babies, Twinkle and Drako; her
- 11 sisters-in-law, Doris Blackmon, Betty Ester, Laura Williams,
- 12 and Denise Romney; her brother-in-law, Leroy Williams; her
- 13 nieces and nephews; her sorority sisters and fraternity
- 14 brothers; and a host of other relatives and friends;
- 15 therefore, be it
- 16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
- 17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 18 Linda Sue (Loving) Williams and extend our sincere condolences
- 19 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
- 20 it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 2 presented to the family of Linda Williams as an expression of
- 3 our deepest sympathy.