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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Geraldine Gregg-Horton; and

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WHEREAS, Geraldine Gregg-Horton was born on December 7,
5 1930 in Memphis, Tennessee; her parents were Hugh Rowlett and
6 Beatrice Brown; and

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WHEREAS, Geraldine Gregg-Horton knew Christ at an early age
8 and was baptized at New Era Baptist Church; she was educated in
9 the public school system and graduated from Melrose High School
10 in 1948; that same year, she married Joseph Bernard "JB" Joy;
11 together, they had four children, Jerald Bernard, Claudia
12 Elaine, Linda Diane, and Wendell Bruce; and

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WHEREAS, In 1957, Geraldine Gregg-Horton and her children
14 moved to Chicago, where her parents lived; after moving to
15 Chicago, she enrolled at Loop Junior College, attending school
16 at night when working during the day; she developed a love
17 affair with fashion after working at upscale department stores
18 Stanley Korshak and Bonwit Teller; during that time, she met
19 several professional women, who would later form a social club
20 called Nora Mack; Nora Mack would host formal events during the
21 early 1960s at venues like the Parkway Ballroom; the group
22 later changed its name to Friends Unlimited; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1965, Geraldine Gregg-Horton married Edward T.
2 Gregg; together, they had on e child, Edward Thomas "Eddie"
3 Gregg Jr.; she then began her career as a "domestic engineer"
4 and continued raising her children; during that time, she
5 became active at her parish at Holy Name of Mary Church and
6 volunteered her time at young Eddie's school; and

7 WHEREAS, After many years of raising her children,
8 Geraldine Gregg-Horton returned to work in the medical records
9 department of Louiseburg Hospital; she later retired from
10 Methodist Hospital; after her retirement, she continued her
11 volunteer service at her parish, performing many valuable
12 services for the congregation; she was also an active member of
13 the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 134; in
14 1985, she married Andrew Horton; and

15 WHEREAS, Geraldine Gregg-Horton enjoyed traveling, eating
16 at new restaurants, watching movies, going to the theatre,
17 political fundraisers, meeting new people, and spending time
18 with her family; and

19 WHEREAS, Geraldine Gregg-Horton was preceded in death by
20 her second husband, Edward Gregg; her third husband, Andrew
21 Horton; her daughter, Claudia; and her son, Edward Gregg Jr.;
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1 WHEREAS, Geraldine Gregg-Horton is survived by her
2 children, Jerald, Linda (Steve), and Wendell (Cheryl); her
3 grandchildren, LaToya, Stephanie (Derrick), Deneshia
4 (Shannon), Takiyah, Alexis, Brett, and Julia; her
5 great-grandchildren, Nayia, Joshua, Sierra, London, Jordan,
6 Olivia, and Kyler; her aunt, Annie Hall; and her many cousins,
7 other family members, and friends, including her best friend,
8 Grace Vera; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
11 her family and friends, the passing of Geraldine Gregg-Horton;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Geraldine Gregg-Horton as an
15 expression of our sympathy.