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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 Barbara M. (Johnson) Dye, who passed away on August 26, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Dye was born in St. Louis, Missouri to Perkins and Inez Johnson on November 23, 1948; she grew up in East St. Louis; she attended public schools and received her high school diploma from East St. Louis Senior High School in 1967; she committed to her faith at an early age at Bray Temple CME Church; after raising her daughter, she pursued her college education and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Sangamon State University in 1988; she earned her master's degree in public administration from Southern Illinois University in 1992; she recognized the merits of a good education and completed both of her degrees while working full-time, managing a household, and being an active member of her church; she married Calvin L. Dye Sr. in 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Dye was part of a small group of African American females that were hired by the May Company for front office clerical positions in the 1960s; she left the May Company to enter law enforcement; a champion for justice, she embraced new concepts introduced by the Illinois Department of Corrections in the early 1970s; she helped to open group homes

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1 for youth reentering society from juvenile facilities and met
2 with schools to help open the doors for kids needing a support
3 system to regain admission; she was appointed to the Illinois
4 Prisoner Review Board in 1992, and she was a member for nearly
5 16 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Barbara Dye was active in several public,
7 professional, and social service organizations; she was a
8 longtime member of the National Association of Blacks in
9 Criminal Justice; in 1995, she accepted membership with the
10 East St. Louis Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta
11 Sorority, Incorporated; one of her best memories was helping
12 her husband campaign for and secure the office of St. Clair
13 County Coroner; and

14 WHEREAS, Barbara Dye was preceded in death by her parents
15 and her sister, Carol J. Morris; and

16 WHEREAS, Barbara Dye is survived by her husband, Calvin;
17 her daughter, Candace Hubbard; her stepchildren, Rayonda Dye
18 and Calvin (Rauslyn) Dye Jr.; her granddaughter, Alaina Dye;
19 her brother, Michael P. (Elizabeth) Johnson; her sister, Jane
20 (Reginald) Hall; her nephews, Michael P. (Alicia) Johnson Jr.
21 and Paul Johnson; her nieces, Amanda (Lawrence) Shields, Regina
22 (Adrian) Anderson, and Keri Hall; her uncles, Rudolph (Barbara)
23 Jackson and Buffus Jackson; her aunts, Ernestine Rogers and

1 Deloris Puckett; her play-sister, Gloria Haley; and her many
2 nieces, nephews, cousins, and family; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Barbara M. (Johnson) Dye, celebrate her contributions to the
6 justice system, and extend our sincere condolences to her
7 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Barbara Dye as an expression of our
11 deepest sympathy.