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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Delores "Lois" B. Graham, who passed away
4 on September 9, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Lois Graham was born on September 19, 1947 to
6 James Beadin and Dovie Leon Conway, who later married Albert
7 Cheeks; and

8 WHEREAS, Lois Graham married Columbus Graham in 1965; to
9 this union, five children were born; and

10 WHEREAS, Lois Graham loved spending time with her children,
11 passing on her gifts and talents to them, including playing the
12 piano, cooking, and most especially, singing; and

13 WHEREAS, Lois Graham worked for the United States Post
14 Office, and later for Lord and Taylor on Michigan Avenue in
15 Chicago; it was there that she acquired her taste for "the nice
16 things" in life; and

17 WHEREAS, When Lois Graham was younger, she worshiped at the
18 Bethlehem Healing Temple; she later joined Grace Deliverance
19 Tabernacle and then the Apostolic Church of God; and

1 WHEREAS, Lois Graham and her family extended deep roots
2 into their community, giving of their time and talents; her
3 daughter, Deborah L. Graham, served as 78th District
4 Representative in the Illinois House of Representatives from
5 1995 to 2010, and in the Chicago City Council as Alderman of
6 the 29th Ward from 2010 to 2015; and

7 WHEREAS, Ten days after Lois Graham's passing, her friends
8 and family gathered on her 70th birthday to celebrate her life
9 with a balloon release in her honor; and

10 WHEREAS, Lois Graham was preceded in death by her father,
11 Albert Cheeks, and her biological father, James Beadin; and

12 WHEREAS, Lois Graham is survived by her mother, Dovie Leon
13 Cheeks; her husband, Columbus; her children, Eddie, Roger,
14 Deborah, Wayne, and Columbus; her brothers, Albert, Ronald, and
15 Donnell; her sister, Alice (Joe); 14 grandchildren; four
16 great-grandchildren; one niece; and numerous relatives and
17 friends; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Delores "Lois" B. Graham, and extend our sincere condolences to
21 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Delores "Lois" B. Graham as an
3 expression of our deepest sympathy.