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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 Mary Alice Johnson, who passed away on December 24, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Johnson was born in Forrest City, Arkansas to Isaac Sr. and Ella Mae Reese on May 4, 1943; at age five, she moved with her family to Chicago and attended Stone Temple Missionary Baptist Church on Chicago's west side; she attended Julius Hay Hess School and graduated from John Marshall High School; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating, Mary Johnson went to work as a seamstress at a local cleaners on Chicago's west side; she married Joe Louis Johnson on October 28, 1960 and became a homemaker for many years; and

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WHEREAS, After raising her children, Mary Johnson began working for the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) as a customer assistant in February 1990; she also served as a conductor and union representative; she was very devoted to her job; she was never late and never called in sick; she was loved by many of her coworkers, and some of them became lifelong friends; she retired in March 2011, after 21 years of service; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mary Johnson had a big heart and was the kindest
2 person you ever met; she loved going to church, the casino,
3 dining out, cooking, and dancing; most of all, she loved her
4 family unconditionally; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary Johnson was preceded in death by her
6 husband, Joe Louis Johnson; her children, Joseph Johnson and
7 Dante Johnson; her parents; her sisters, Victoria Bryant, Mae
8 Ella Alexander, and Cozetta Scott; and her brother, Isaac
9 Reese Jr.; and

10 WHEREAS, Mary Johnson is survived by her children, Steven
11 (Michelle), Landis, Cheryl (Ricky), Carla (Levertis), and
12 Corey (Lasina); 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren;
13 her brother, Joe Watts; her special sister-in-law, Gennell
14 Reese; and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, friends, and
15 coworkers; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Mary Alice Johnson and extend our sincere condolences to her
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
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21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Mary Johnson as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.