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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 E.V. "Vickie" Griffith of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Vickie Griffith was born to Abraham Crump Sr. and Ophelia (Boyd) Crump in Pickens, Mississippi on January 8, 1936; she attended Boyd Elementary School and graduated from East Yazoo Negro High School in 1954; she relocated to Chicago to join her siblings, pursue better opportunities, and escape the perils of the segregated South; upon relocation, she was lovingly nicknamed "Vickie"; she married Howard Hayes Griffith on September 25, 1956, and they had three daughters, Debra, Rochelle, and Javonna; they built their forever home "9447" on 94th and Normal in 1964; and

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WHEREAS, Vickie Griffith began her career at Mt. Sinai Hospital; she then worked at Majestic Mills Paper Company alongside her sister, Laura, for over 30 years; they woke up in the early hours of the morning, dressed to impress, and drove many miles to work together; after many faithful and dedicated years of service, she retired from Majestic Mills in 1999; and

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WHEREAS, Vickie Griffith committed to her faith from an early age, joining the Strangers Home M.B. Church in Pickens, Mississippi; she joined Lilydale Progressive M.B. Church in

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1 Chicago in 1965, where she remained a member until her death
2 and was a dedicated, active member of the Willing Workers Club
3 and the Senior Choir and a faithful attendant of Sunday
4 School; she enjoyed attending church wearing her Sunday best
5 and the times of fellowship with her church family; and

6 WHEREAS, Vickie Griffith was a true peacemaker and a woman
7 full of wisdom; she was an original fashionista and loved all
8 things glamor; she loved her family, doted on her daughters,
9 and was devoted to taking care of her grandchildren and
10 great-grandchildren after retirement; she will be remembered
11 for always offering a sweet word of encouragement and serving
12 as a counselor to all; and

13 WHEREAS, Vickie Griffith was preceded in death by her
14 husband, Howard; her parents; her brother, Abraham Crump Jr.;
15 her twin brother, A.V. Crump; and her sister, Laura (John)
16 Collins; and

17 WHEREAS, Vickie Griffith is survived by her daughters,
18 Debra (Oluyomi) Popoola, Rochelle (Floyd) Pope, and Javonna
19 (Anthony) Burton; her grandchildren, Roshunda (Cleven) Cook,
20 Shavonna Harris, Patrice (Philip) Edwards, Oluwakemi (Qadir)
21 Fareed, Remilekun Popoola, Anthony Burton, and Joshua Burton;
22 her great-grandchildren, Quinshada, Nia, Niila, Justus, Riley,
23 and Malia; her great-great-grandchild, Corynne; her sisters,

1 Ruth Bruno and Savannah Mason; her sister-in-law, Hallie B.
2 Crump; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and family
3 friends; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 E.V. "Vickie" Griffith and extend our sincere condolences to
7 her 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 Vickie Griffith as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.