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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 Dr. Bertha Louise "Bert" McArthur Paul, who passed away on September 29, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Paul was born in Chicago to William Henry and Virginia Mae McArthur on October 29, 1953; she was a lover of education, especially math and science, and as a child, her mother nurtured her gifts by purchasing her science experiment kits for Christmas; she attended Dusable High School, where she was a member of the Botanical Club; after graduating high school, she received her Associate in Applied Science in Nursing from Kennedy King Community College in May of 1977; she earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1990, her Master of Science in Nursing in 1997, and her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in 2013 from Governors State University; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Paul was an exceptional nurse and never missed an opportunity to display love and compassion towards her patients, students, and community; she was an active member in several organizations, including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she served as the chair and co-chair of the Physical & Mental Health Committee, the National Council of African Women, where she served as a Community Health Specialist, Advocate, and Educator, and the Chicago Chapter of

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1 the National Black Nurses Association; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Paul committed to her faith at the age of nine
3 and became a member of Covenant United Church of Christ in
4 1998, where she served as the chair and was a founding member
5 of its Health & Wellness Ministry; she later became a
6 co-chair; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Paul cherished her family; she believed in
8 others, even when they did not believe in themselves; it was
9 not uncommon for her to allow someone to live in her home for
10 an extended period of time without expecting anything in
11 return; she could always be counted on to show up for her
12 family in a time of need, both financially and medically; she
13 was an amazing mother and grandmother and worked tirelessly to
14 provide for her children and grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Paul was preceded in death by her parents;
16 her sister, Debra; her brother, Mark; her Godmother, Elouise;
17 and her Godsister, Debra; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Paul is survived by her children, Nathaniel
19 (Barbara) Paul and Tamara (Jason) Palmer; her grandchildren,
20 Jaquela, Jasmen, Nate, Niel, Zoe, and Jason Jr.; her
21 great-grandchildren, Kendall, Makari, and Kingston; her
22 siblings, Sylvia, William, Caroline, David, Sharon, and

1 Vincent; and numerous nieces, nephews, sisters-in-love,
2 relatives, friends, and co-workers; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Dr. Bertha Louise "Bert" McArthur Paul and extend our sincere
6 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
7 her; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Dr. Paul as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.