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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 Poletha "Polly" Webster of Springfield, who passed away on January 5, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Poletha Webster was born in Scranton, Arkansas on August 27, 1931; she started her formal education at Scranton Elementary School in Scranton, Arkansas before obtaining her high school diploma through School District 186 in Springfield, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, As a young woman, Poletha Webster moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where she cashiered at the Parkview Pharmacy, served as a waitress at the famous Muehlebach Hotel, and worked as a clerk at Fifty Minute Cleaners; after realizing she possessed an entrepreneurial spirit and a talent in caring for others, she began serving as a longtime foster parent and became the CEO of a home daycare, which ran for over 50 years; and

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WHEREAS, Poletha Webster was committed to her faith, and she was a longtime member of Prayer Wheel Church of God in Christ in Springfield; and

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WHEREAS, Poletha Webster was known for her excellent

1 southern style cuisine, including fried pies, homemade canned
2 goods, soups, and pastries; she also enjoyed gardening and
3 playing the tambourine; she will be remembered for the love
4 she bestowed upon her family and the children under her care;
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6 WHEREAS, Poletha Webster is survived by her children,
7 Maurice, Michael, Valerie, Yvonne, Linda (Leonard), and Sam
8 Jr.; her sisters, Mary Ellen Ellenberg, Christine Hawkins, and
9 Mary Elizabeth Thomas; her 21 grandchildren; her 63
10 great-grandchildren; her 12 great-great-grandchildren; and a
11 host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and bonus children;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Poletha "Polly" Webster and extend our sincere condolences to
16 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Poletha Webster as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.