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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of JoHaan Parise Cotton Wilson; and

WHEREAS, JoHaan Cotton Wilson was born on September 20, 1960; she earned her Bachelor of Arts from Texas Southern University; she continued her education in Human Resource Management at National Louis University and Metaphysical Science at the University of Sedona; she was inducted into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on April 26, 1997; and

WHEREAS, JoHaan Cotton Wilson served as academic coach and events coordinator for the College of Lake County (CLC) on the Lakeshore Campus; she was also the coordinator and host of the Annual Salute to Gospel Program; she began her career at CLC as a community outreach and special projects coordinator on the Lakeshore Campus in March 1992; throughout her 30-year career of dedication and service to the Lakeshore Campus in coordinating student support and community programs, she ensured that students were always the focus of CLC initiatives and that the institution was a valuable asset to the community; she was known for her exemplary dedication and commitment to serving students and the community; and

WHEREAS, JoHaan Cotton Wilson continued her commitment to

- communities around the country through her advocacy in the
 National Alliance of Faith and Justice, where she served as
 Illinois State Coordinator for its national Pen or Pencil
 program, and the National Association of Blacks in Criminal
 Justice; she was the founder and CEO of the Juneteenth
 Cultural Committee of Lake County, establishing the
- 7 county-wide Juneteenth festival; she also served as the Lake
- 8 County Coordinator of the Corporation for National and
- 9 Community Service and was a board member of Trinity Universal
- 10 Center, KoCo Women, and the Youth Empowerment Foundation,
- among others; and
- 12 WHEREAS, JoHaan Cotton Wilson was a member of Trinity
- 13 United Church of Christ; therefore, be it
- 14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
- ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 16 JoHaan Parise Cotton Wilson and extend our sincere condolences
- 17 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
- 18 it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 20 presented to the family of JoHaan Cotton Wilson as an
- 21 expression of our deepest sympathy.