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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Lieutenant Governor Sheila Y. Oliver
4 of the State of New Jersey; and

5 WHEREAS, Lt. Gov. Oliver was a pioneer and trailblazer in
6 public service, becoming the first Black woman to serve as
7 Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly and only the second
8 Black woman to lead any state legislature in the United
9 States; and

10 WHEREAS, After years of representing the communities of
11 North Jersey, Lt. Gov. Oliver was selected to be Phil Murphy's
12 running mate during the 2017 election for governor of New
13 Jersey; she was sworn in as lieutenant governor of New Jersey
14 in January 2018, becoming the first Black woman to serve in
15 that position in the state; she and Governor Murphy were
16 reelected in 2021; and

17 WHEREAS, At the time of her passing, Lt. Gov. Oliver was
18 serving as acting governor while Gov. Murphy was out of state;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, As a lawmaker, Lt. Gov. Oliver was noted for her
21 brilliance and fearlessness, approaching the legislative

1 process with thoughtful compassion; throughout her political
2 career, she remained committed to serving the people of New
3 Jersey, making tireless efforts to uplift the community while
4 always believing things could become better for individuals,
5 the community, and the State of New Jersey; and

6 WHEREAS, Lt. Gov. Oliver leaves behind a legacy of
7 dedication, service, and inspiration; she will be remembered
8 as an accomplished legislator and a cherished daughter,
9 sister, aunt, friend, and hero; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Lieutenant Governor Sheila Y. Oliver of the State of New
13 Jersey and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
14 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Lt. Gov. Oliver as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.