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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 Lois L. Tyson of Oak Park, who passed away on July 23, 2023 at the age of 80; and

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WHEREAS, Lois Tyson was born in East St. Louis on February 27, 1943; she graduated from Lincoln Senior High School before majoring in elementary education with a concentration in English at Southern Illinois University; she married Spencer A. Tyson, and they had two daughters, Kimberly and Nicole, and lived in Georgia and New Jersey before returning to Illinois; she earned her master's degree in education from Concordia University, and she possessed a real estate license; she was a longtime resident of Oak Park and River Forest; and

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WHEREAS, For more than two decades, Lois Tyson taught at the Eunice Smith School in Alton and Oak Park Elementary School District 97; and

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WHEREAS, Lois Tyson was devoted to serving local organizations, including Parents Allied with Children and Teachers for Tomorrow (PACTT) and the Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO) Sisterhood, where she served as president of the local chapter from 2014 to 2017; she attended Pilgrim Congregational Church; she contributed to the Lovejoy Memorial

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1 Scholarship Fund and the United Negro College Fund; and

2 WHEREAS, Lois Tyson was a valued and devoted volunteer and
3 friend of the Democratic Party of Oak Park; and

4 WHEREAS, Lois Tyson and her husband enjoyed traveling the
5 world, hosting parties, and valuing their familial
6 relationships and friendships; together, they also enrolled in
7 the Minority Aging Research Study with Rush University's
8 Alzheimer's Center, hoping their contributions would help
9 improve healthcare for all Black Americans; and

10 WHEREAS, Lois Tyson enjoyed cooking and baking, and she
11 was known for her carrot cake; she also enjoyed shopping,
12 dancing, and reading; she was especially skilled in writing;
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14 WHEREAS, Lois Tyson was preceded in death by her husband;
15 her parents, Odice and Susie; her siblings, Otis Granger Jr.
16 and Bernadette Barry; and her nieces, Denise Michelle Tyson,
17 Sheila Patterson, and Leslie Tyson; and

18 WHEREAS, Lois Tyson is survived by her daughters, Kimberly
19 Goldbaum and Nicole Tyson; her son-in-law, Nathan Goldbaum;
20 her sisters, Mary S. Lauburg and Eloise Granger; her
21 siblings-in-law, John Barry Sr. and Anita (Freddie) Carter;

1 her nieces and nephews, Mark (Ann) Lauburg, Dr. Vanessa (Jen)
2 Cohen-Gibbons, John W. (Angel) Barry, Jerome Burton, Dawn
3 Burton, Dayne Tyson, Bonita (Larnel) Washington, Deidra
4 (Dennis) Moore, Lorraine Lucas, Nathan (Tobie) Tyson, Regan
5 Hickman, Jimmie Wilson Jr., Debra Wilson, Missy White, Charles
6 Cooper, Dr. Carol (Tess Schmieg) Goldbaum, and Elizabeth (Stan
7 Sheft) Thomas; and a host of extended family members and
8 friends; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Lois L. Tyson and extend our sincere condolences to her
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Lois Tyson as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.