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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 Diane Bond of Decatur, who passed away on March 31, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Diane Bond was born to Jonas and Annie (Currie) Bond in Brownsville, Tennessee on October 14, 1953; at the age of two, she and her family relocated to Decatur, where she resided for the rest of her life; and

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WHEREAS, Diane Bond worked as a valued employee of Firestone for over 20 years; over the course of her career, she was noted for her unwavering dedication, work ethic, and loyalty; and

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WHEREAS, Diane Bond committed to her faith at an early age, becoming a charter member of Church of the Living God Temple #1; she later became a devoted member of Main Street Church of Decatur, where she served as head greeter and vice president of the Usher Board; she also co-founded the church's 50 and older group and was involved in its Mission Ministry and the grandparent program, Youth With a Positive Direction; and

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WHEREAS, Diane Bond loved engaging in heartfelt conversations over the phone, connecting with loved ones near

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1 and far, and delighted in shopping adventures with her niece,
2 Shaquita; she also enjoyed spending time at the YMCA and
3 attending meals with friends from the Every Other Friday
4 Dinner Crew; and

5 WHEREAS, Diane Bond was the matriarch of the Bond family,
6 serving as a beacon of support and encouragement and never
7 missing an event, game, graduation, or celebration of her
8 loved ones; her warm and welcoming nature created a safe haven
9 for all who knew her; she touched the lives of many, and she
10 will be remembered for her unwavering faith, boundless love,
11 and selfless service; and

12 WHEREAS, Diane Bond was preceded in death by her parents;
13 her sisters, Willen (David) Kennedy, Mary (George) Ross,
14 Lorine Bond, Annie (Bessie) Bond, Josie Bond, and Georgia
15 Green; her brothers, John (Linnie Rose) Bond, Jimmie (Irene)
16 Bond, Bobby Bond, Charlie T. (Juanita) Bond, Albert Bond,
17 Sylvester Bond, James Bond, and Roger Walker Jr.; and her
18 nephew, Lamon Bond; and

19 WHEREAS, Diane Bond is survived by her daughters, Martina
20 Bond and Shannon Bond Joyner; her grandchildren, Javaughn
21 Rivers, Amaris Joyner, Tristian Joyner, and MaCarlon Young;
22 her great-grandchildren, Kingston, Kannon, and Logan; her
23 sister-in-law, Mary Bond; her godsiblings, Dr. Thomas

1 (Margaret) Walker, Arthur Lee (Terri) Walker, and Hilda
2 Walker; her special cousins, Clara Clark and Mildred Taylor;
3 her special sisters, Concetta Guyse, Velma Pryor, Rachael
4 Penermann, and Carol Estes; a host of cousins; her Main Street
5 Church family; and a multitude of friends; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Diane Bond and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
9 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Diane Bond as an expression of our
12 deepest sympathy.