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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 Sylvia Lorene Johnson Allen of North Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Sylvia Allen was born on December 30, 1953, in Monticello, Arkansas; her parents were the late Sudie (Carr) Johnson and the late Earl Johnson, Sr.; she was united in holy matrimony to Bobby Allen in 1977 in Monticello, Arkansas; and

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WHEREAS, Sylvia Allen graduated from Monticello High School in 1972; she then earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Arkansas at Monticello and her master's degree in administration and supervision from Loyola University in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Sylvia Allen had a long and distinguished career in education; she began her teaching career in Dermott, Arkansas and worked in the Waukegan Illinois Public Schools for 33 years; she continued to serve her students, parents, and community humbly at Carman-Buckner Elementary School until just recently; and

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WHEREAS, Sylvia Allen professed her faith in Jesus Christ at an early age at the Pilgrim Rest A.M.E. Church in

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1 Monticello, where she served in the choir, the youth
2 department, and the Sunday School as secretary before moving to
3 Illinois; after marrying and moving north, she joined and
4 served the Eternal Flame A.M.E. Church faithfully as a steward,
5 Sunday School Superintendent, and Sunday School teacher; and

6 WHEREAS, Sylvia Allen was a member of the Martha Chapter #1
7 Order of the Eastern Star and served as the organization's
8 secretary and treasurer; and

9 WHEREAS, Sylvia Allen is survived by her devoted husband,
10 Bobby Allen; her daughters, Andrea (David) Hudson and Beverly
11 Allen; her grandchildren, Janay and David II; her brother, Earl
12 Johnson, Jr.; her sisters, Vivian (Charles) Lincoln and Luwanda
13 (Thedrick) Franklin; her nephews, Matthew Trotter and T.J.
14 Franklin; her nieces, Jennifer Franklin, Melissa Trotter, and
15 Jessica Franklin; her great nephew, Jae'lyn Trotter; her great
16 niece, Kayla Franklin; and her special cousin, Katie Eleese
17 Daniels; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 her family and friends, the passing of Sylvia Lorene Johnson
21 Allen; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Sylvia Allen as an expression of our
2 sympathy.