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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Judy Tucker of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Judy Tucker was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on
5 September 1, 1943, to Lovell and Dorothy Ellis; she moved with
6 her family to Chicago and then to Markham; in 1972, she married
7 Elishious Tucker; while raising her children, she attended
8 Victor Business School in Evergreen Park; and

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WHEREAS, Judy Tucker began her career as a public servant
as an intern with U.S. Congressman Ralph Metcalfe Sr.; she then
11 served as Congressman Metcalfe Sr.'s executive secretary and
12 his congressional aide; Congressman Metcalfe Sr.'s son, Ralph,
13 invited her to serve as executive secretary and office manager;
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WHEREAS, Judy Tucker held several positions with the City
of Chicago; she was the personal aide for the Commission on
Human Relations, the Secretary of Public Utilities and the
Committee on Finance for Alderman Tyrone Kenner, office manager
for Cook County Commissioner Jerry Butler, and executive
secretary for Alderman Bobby Rush; she followed Alderman Bobby
Rush to Washington, D.C. when he was elected congressman and
she served in many key positions for him, most notably as

1 Director of Constituent Service; she retired in September 2010
2 after 38 years serving the public; and

3 WHEREAS, Judy Tucker loved to cook and garden and her
4 dishes were highly anticipated by those at family, church, and
5 work events; her office and garden were made serene by the
6 greenery that flourished; she devoted much of her time to her
7 church, serving on the Usher Board for over 20 years and
8 supporting other church ministries in anyway she could; she was
9 a faithful member of the Miracle House of Prayer Church; and

10 WHEREAS, Judy Tucker was preceded in death by her parents
11 and her brother, Lovell Jr.; and

12 WHEREAS, Judy Tucker is survived by her husband, Elishious;
13 her children, Harriet Pitts Thomas, William Pitts, Aaron Pitts,
14 Rev. Michael Pitts (Carmen), and Dottie Hall; her siblings,
15 Lydia Christian (Dorris) and Cedric Ellis (Kathy); her 18
16 grandchildren; her 7 great-grandchildren; her very special
17 sister friend, Doris Murray; and her many aunts, uncles,
18 nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Judy Tucker, and we extend our sincere condolences to her
22 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Judy Tucker as an expression of our
4 deepest sympathy.