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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Shawnte Amiee "Tay" Jones, who passed away on May 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Shawnte Jones was born on February 5, 1979 in Decatur; her parents were Janet Hess Jones and Ronald G. Jones; and

WHEREAS, Shawnte Jones graduated from Stephen Decatur High School and Northern Illinois University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology; she later attended the DeVry University Keller Graduate School of Management, where she pursued a master's degree in Public Administration; and

WHEREAS, Shawnte Jones worked as a Registrar Coordinator at DeVry University at Addison Metro, where she was dedicated to her responsibilities and recognized through various awards, including the Ron Taylor Award for Excellence in Performance and Colleague of the Month; and

WHEREAS, Shawnte Jones enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, traveling, and organizing exciting adventures; she led and participated in many community efforts that helped those in need, including blood donation efforts;

1 she enjoyed utilizing social media, cooking unique cuisine, and
2 photography; she was also a huge sports fan, particularly of
3 the Chicago Bears, the New York Giants, and the Kane County
4 Cougars; and

5 WHEREAS, Shawnte Jones professed a faith in Christ at an
6 early age and was baptized at New Salem Baptist Church in
7 Decatur; and

8 WHEREAS, Shawnte Jones was preceded in death by her
9 maternal grandfather, Leonard Hess, and her paternal
10 grandfather, Robert Jones Sr.; and

11 WHEREAS, Shawnte Jones is survived by her parents; her
12 special aunts, Robyn Hess, Sandra Arnice Hess Moll, and Alesia
13 Jones; her uncles, Robert Jones Jr., Randall Jones, and Troy
14 Compton; her sister, Shanae Cannon; her nephew, Jayden Cannon;
15 her brother, Demarcus Williams; her grandmothers, Eartha L.
16 Taylor Hess and Evelyn Jones; her special cousins, Jessyca Hess
17 and Hunter and Miles Moll; her special friends, Rochelle
18 "Shelly" Taylor, Christine "Chrissy" Ducato, Tammy Fuller,
19 Stephanie Coffman, Brandy Boisen, and Katrinka Elem; and many
20 aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her

1 family and friends, mourn the passing of Shawnte Amiee "Tay"
2 Jones; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Shawnte Jones as an expression of
5 our sympathy.