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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 Billie "BJ" McCoy-Thomas; and

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WHEREAS, Billie McCoy-Thomas served as a case manager for
the Brother's Keeper Community Resource Center, where she
worked under her father, Chief Apostle Dr. McCoy; while there,
she addressed various disparities within the community,
including homelessness, unemployment, food insecurity, and
healthcare; she served as a social worker for the Illinois
Department of Children and Family Services; she served as a
qualified mental health professional for the Aunt Martha's
Community Counseling Center of Chicago; she worked as the
creative director of a catering company; she also worked as a
substitute teacher, an entrepreneur, and a cheer and life
coach; and

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WHEREAS, Billie McCoy-Thomas was deeply committed to her
faith; she was known for her principles, her fairness, her
humor, her compassion, and her empathy; she was a lifelong
advocate in her community and was extremely dedicated to the
youth in underserved areas; she was affectionately known as
"Billie-Joe" and "BJ"; she will be remembered for being a
mother, a friend, and a confidant to many; and

1 WHEREAS, Billie McCoy-Thomas is survived by her parents,
2 Chief Apostle Dr. William and Pastor Emeritus Rose McCoy; her
3 children, DaMoyne McCoy and Niomi Thomas; her seven siblings;
4 and a host of relatives and closer friends; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Billie "BJ" McCoy-Thomas and extend our sincere condolences to
8 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
9 further

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