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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 Lillie Mae Tillis of North Lawndale; and

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WHEREAS, Lillie Tillis was born in Lambert, Mississippi to Mamie and N.I. Tillis on December 22, 1950, joining her older brother, Willie Smith, as part of the family; at the age of 11, she moved with her family to Chicago's West Side; she attended Hess Elementary School and graduated from Carter H. Harrison High School; and

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WHEREAS, Lillie Tillis earned a Key punch Operation certificate from the College of Automation in 1979, which opened doors to a wide range of roles from sales clerk to legal and data entry positions; she worked at Bank of America until retiring in 2010 to help care for her grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Lillie Tillis moved to Summit later in life, where she built new bonds with neighbors and friends; she took a job at a nearby game room in 2021, where she enjoyed socializing with regulars and neighbors alike; and

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WHEREAS, Lillie Tillis was a member of St. Rest MB Church; she loved music and laughter and was never far from the dance

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1 floor; she also liked to play the slot machines, and her
2 laughter could often be heard when she hit a lucky streak; she
3 had a gift for friendship, and her open heart, sharp wit, and
4 no-nonsense honesty made her unforgettable; and

5 WHEREAS, Lillie Tillis is survived by her children,
6 Elaine, Darren (Sherrell), and Latrice Lavon Tillis; her
7 grandchildren, Tekeshia Monique Wesley, Morgan Michelle
8 Tillis, and Xavier Darren Tillis; her grand-dog, Saweetie
9 Tillis; and her great-grandchildren, Aaliyah Denise Roache,
10 Jayce Joel Burns, and Amia Janai Burns; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Lillie Mae Tillis and extend our sincere condolences to her
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
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16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Lillie Tillis as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.