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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 Datikka Tennell "Tikka" Peebles of Edwards, who passed away on August 25, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Tikka Peebles was born to Thertha Holt and Dennis Thomas in St. Louis, Missouri on July 12, 1979; she committed to her faith at an early age and was baptized at Liberty Baptist Church; she attended Riverview Gardens High School in St. Louis; she earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Management Information Systems from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in 2005, and she was also a graduate of the Peoria Civic Leadership Academy; she married Jason Peebles on March 1, 2017, and they moved their family to Peoria later that year; and

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WHEREAS, Tikka Peebles worked as a business analyst at Dell Computers until her passing; during her career, she was a part of the Graduating Aspiring Leadership Program and served as a co-lead for the Black Networking Alliance Community Service Pillar; she and her husband also founded a successful real estate investment business in 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Tikka Peebles was a member of the Peoria County Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity Committee, where

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1 she worked to bridge the digital divide by providing free  
2 computer classes and vouchers; she also served as a deputy  
3 registrar for the Peoria Election Commission, an assistant  
4 secretary and Executive Committee member of the NAACP, a  
5 member of the League of Women Voters, and a supporter of Dream  
6 Center Peoria and It Takes a Village; and

7 WHEREAS, Tikka Peebles volunteered as a parent liaison  
8 with Unity Point In-School Health Advisory Board and Court  
9 Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA); she served on  
10 committees for the Dunlap Grade School Parents Club and the  
11 Dunlap Valley Middle School Parents Club; she mentored young  
12 girls through the Young Lives Mentoring Program and Sunflowers  
13 Mentoring Program, where she later served as board secretary;  
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15 WHEREAS, Tikka Peebles was a member of the Peoria Alumnae  
16 Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., serving on the  
17 Emergency Response Team and Program Planning & Development  
18 Committee, as a liaison to the National Pan-Hellenic Council,  
19 and as a co-chair for multiple fundraising efforts; she was  
20 also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Silver Star  
21 Chapter #74, chairing the Sunshine Committee and serving on  
22 the Education & Scholarship Committee and Community Service  
23 Committee; and

1           WHEREAS, Tikka Peebles was active at St. Paul Baptist  
2 Church, where she served as a greeter, a member of the event  
3 planning team for the Marriage and Women's Ministries, and as  
4 a lead planner for the Grown-ish Teen Summit; she also founded  
5 the church's Soulful Readers Book Club for Women of Color; and

6           WHEREAS, Tikka Peebles was a genuinely caring person who  
7 loved her family and was deeply committed to improving her  
8 community; she leaves behind a legacy of service and love that  
9 will continue to touch countless lives; and

10           WHEREAS, Tikka Peebles was preceded in death by her  
11 parents and her brother, Rodney Earl Holt II; and

12           WHEREAS, Tikka Peebles is survived by her grandmother,  
13 Leona Edison; her husband of eight years, Jason; her son,  
14 Jeremiah Alexander "JP" Peebles; her aunts, Ozell Leflore and  
15 Brenda (Earl) Kerr; her uncles, Arthur Leflore and Charles  
16 Wright; her siblings, Dennis Echos and Milka Brooks; her niece  
17 and nephews, Jordyn Ward, Rodney Holt III, Shawn Wilson, and  
18 Bryson; and her cousins, Keva Williams, Michelle (Terris)  
19 Rainey, Marlon Nash, and Dural Williams; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
22 Datikka Tennell "Tikka" Peebles and extend our sincere

1       condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
2       her; and be it further

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