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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Wenonah M. Bish of Sherman, who passed
4 away on November 1, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Wenonah Bish was born to Louis B. and Elizabeth
6 R. Kelly Taborn in Springfield on October 2, 1912; she was
7 educated in the Springfield Public Schools District; she
8 married Edgar A. Bish in 1943, and he preceded her in death on
9 March 26, 2001; she was a resident of Springfield for the
10 majority of her life; and

11 WHEREAS, Wenonah Bish worked as an assembly line worker
12 for the Sangamo Electric Company, retiring after many years of
13 service; and

14 WHEREAS, Wenonah Bish was a woman of strong faith and a
15 longtime member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church; she was also known
16 as a fashionista who never left her home without her hair
17 perfectly coiffed, her makeup applied, and her earrings and
18 pearls in place; and

19 WHEREAS, Wenonah Bish enjoyed receiving daily phone calls
20 from her daughter, frequent visits from her family and
21 friends, and mail and packages from people around the country

1 and the world; she loved celebrating her birthdays with a meal
2 of barbecue ribs from Smokey Bones and original recipe fried
3 chicken from Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC); and

4 WHEREAS, Wenonah Bish always looked forward to the joys of
5 tomorrow; at the time of her passing, she was the oldest
6 resident in the State of Illinois at the age of 113; and

7 WHEREAS, Wenonah Bish was preceded in death by her
8 parents; her sisters, Thelma Evans, Anne Cabelle, and
9 Marguerite (James) Burton; her brother, Louis B. Taborn Jr.;
10 and her son, Donald E. Wright; and

11 WHEREAS, Wenonah Bish is survived by her daughter, Delores
12 Ann (the late Joseph) Hughes; her grandchildren, Pamela (Eric)
13 Miller, Joseph H. (Elaine) Hughes, Edgar B. (Regina) Hughes,
14 Donald E. (Marybeth) Wright Jr., Douglas Wright, Dirk Wright,
15 and Derrick Wright; five great-grandchildren; three
16 great-great-grandchildren; her special cousin, Pam Jones King;
17 her special friends, Georgetta Slaughter and James Slaughter;
18 and a host of cousins, other relatives, and friends;
19 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 Wenonah M. Bish and extend our sincere condolences to her

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

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