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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 Etta Lerene Coker-Martin, who passed away on December 8, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Etta Coker-Martin was born to Mark and Mary Coker in Chicago on September 12, 1952; she graduated from Harrison High School in 1971 and then studied Human Services at Elmhurst College; and

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WHEREAS, Etta Coker-Martin spent many years at Service Master working in the payroll department; she then found a passion for serving others and started at Park-River Forest High School as a college and career counselor and then became a teaching assistant for special needs students; and

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WHEREAS, Etta Coker-Martin tutored for the Black Star Project and Answer Inc., provided mentorship for F.R.E.E. (Females Reaching for Educational Excellence), and became the volunteer and outreach coordinator for Housing Forward; and

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WHEREAS, Etta Coker-Martin was a valued member of Rock of Ages Baptist Church where she loved her fellowship with the Savvy Senior Ministry; she was also a proud member of the Bookends Book Club; and

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1 WHEREAS, Etta Coker-Martin loved reading, her family, and
2 her faith; she had a vivacious smile and found great joy in
3 helping others; and

4 WHEREAS, Etta Coker-Martin was preceded in death by her
5 father; her son, Justin Martin; and her lifelong special
6 friend, Lynda Puckett; her mother soon joined her in passing;
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8 WHEREAS, Etta Coker-Martin is survived by her daughter,
9 Ebony Martin; her brother, Marlon Coker; her grandchildren,
10 Elani Williams and Elise Reese; her nieces, Candice Conley and
11 Dominique Johnson; and her many cousins and friends; therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Etta Lerene Coker-Martin and extend our sincere condolences to
16 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Etta Coker-Martin as an expression
20 of our deepest sympathy.