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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 Christine "Tina" Perkins of Chicago, who passed away on June 1, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Christine Perkins was born to Christine and Marion "Mose" Dawson on December 2, 1949, the first of the 13 children they had together; she grew up on East Bowen Street and attended Fuller Elementary School and DuSable High School; she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Business from Northeastern Illinois University; she married Maurice Perkins on December 29, 1968, and they raised three beautiful children together, Maurice "Antuan," Heather, and Marcus; and

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WHEREAS, Christine Perkins accompanied her husband during his U.S. Army assignment in Frankfort, Germany in 1968 and 1969; she worked at the U.S. Post Exchange and provided home cooked meals for the soldiers and made people feel loved while away from their own loved ones; and

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WHEREAS, Christine Perkins and her husband returned to Chicago on July 27, 1970 and started their work in the tavern business, first at Black Silhouette and then at their own tavern, Caesar's Palace; she also served as school clerk at Jackie Robinson and Wadsworth Elementary Schools; and

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1 WHEREAS, Christine Perkins and her husband purchased the
2 Swift Mansion from the Urban League in 1992, and she became the
3 co-founder of the Inner City Youth and Adult Foundation; she
4 was dedicated to supporting senior citizens and youth within
5 the community, and her program was focused on decreasing
6 hopelessness among youth through promoting education and
7 on-the-job training, increasing work and recreational
8 opportunities, and providing housing opportunities to those in
9 need; she worked with judges to provide alternatives to
10 incarceration and formed partnerships with juvenile justice
11 programs; and

12 WHEREAS, Christine Perkins will be remembered most as a
13 servant leader; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Christine "Tina" Perkins and extend our sincere condolences to
17 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Tina Perkins as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.