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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 Kimberly Joyce Payton, who passed away on April 7, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Kimberly Payton was born in Chicago to Ophelia Payton and Ray McElroy Sr. on January 2, 1981; as a young child, she was a member of Nazareth Lee Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi before her family relocated to Chicago and joined New Inspirational Missionary Baptist Church; she graduated from Jim Hill High School in Jackson, Mississippi in 2000 and attended Jackson State University; she received her degree from Everest College in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Kimberly Payton was employed at Jackson Park Hospital and Medical Center as a Constant Observer; she was also employed with Comfort Care and Gratia as a Service Provider; and

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WHEREAS, Kimberly Payton was a member of Greater Morning View Missionary Baptist Church; she had relationships and fellowship with a host of ministries, including Rose of Sharon Women's Group, the Pastor Paula Miller Ministry, and St. Luke Missionary Baptist; and

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1           WHEREAS, Kimberly Payton was affectionately known as KJ,  
2           Kimmie, Kim, and Momma Kim; her life's accomplishments were  
3           being a good mother and a national and local Stand for Children  
4           Fellow; she loved to advocate on behalf of children, sing, and  
5           talk to her family and friends; more than anything, she loved  
6           her mother, who has always been her rock; she loved her  
7           children, grandchildren, and job at Jackson Park Hospital; and

8           WHEREAS, Kimberly Payton was preceded in death by her  
9           father, Ray McElroy; her stepfather, Evis McGee; her  
10          grandmother, Pearline Gardner (Payton); her grandfathers,  
11          Prentiss Payton and Randolph Lindsey; her aunts, Christel  
12          Davis and Nina McElroy-Leslie; and her uncles, Randy Lindsey  
13          and Billy Payton; and

14          WHEREAS, Kimberly Payton is survived by her mother,  
15          Ophelia McGee; her grandmother, Dorothy Lindsey; her children,  
16          Ja'Quavion Payton, Jeremiah Payton, Kayleb Payton, Kaylan  
17          Payton-Mosley (Jazzy), and Ma'Kaiya Payton; her grandson,  
18          Jameir Payton; her sister, Arishanta Bibbs (Corey); her  
19          brothers, Joseph Payton (Serina), Evis McGee Jr. (Karen), and  
20          Ray McElroy Jr.; her aunts, Pearlie Hawk (Auntee Mae Mae),  
21          Robin Tate, and Dr. Allison Dixon (Dr. Randy); her uncles,  
22          Lonnie Smith, Charles Payton (Uncle Mack), and Theodore  
23          Lindsey (Uncle Teddy); her great-aunts, Betty Miles, Aurelia  
24          Irwin, and Mary Jane Miller; her great-uncle, Harold Carter;

1 her special cousins, Toya Smith and Christal Spencer; her  
2 special friend, Raymond Jones; and numerous special nieces,  
3 nephews, cousins, friends, and co-workers; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
6 Kimberly Joyce Payton and extend our sincere condolences to  
7 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Kimberly Payton as an expression of  
11 our deepest sympathy.