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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 Rosemary Robinson Jackson Ph.D. of Chicago, who passed away on February 7, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson was born on Chicago's West Side on December 22, 1946; she received her Ph.D. from Loyola University and a Master of Arts from both the National College of Education and DePaul University; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson began her career as an English teacher at her alma mater, John Marshall High School; she went on to teach at Hyde Park High School, Kennedy-King College, and DePaul University; she served as vice president for Educational Media and Distance Learning at Kennedy-King from 2007 to 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson was the vice chairman and chief administrative officer at Chicago-based Central City Productions, which she helped develop with her lifelong partner and husband, Don Jackson; she served as Research Director and Associate Producer of the Black College Quiz and the Hispanic College Quiz - two nationally-syndicated television programs developed by Central City Productions; and

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1           WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson remained active in her local community  
2 and was committed to public service through her sorority, Delta  
3 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for which she chaired several  
4 committees during her 50-year tenure as an active member, and  
5 which her daughter, Rhonda, is an active member today; and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson's professional memberships included  
7 the National Council of Teachers of English, the National  
8 Association for Developmental Education, the Association for  
9 the Study of African American Life and History (SAALH), and Phi  
10 Beta Kappa; and

11           WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson was an avid sports fan; she loved  
12 tennis, basketball, baseball, and football; she was also a  
13 devotee of the arts and all types of dancing including Bopping,  
14 Stepping, and Line Dancing; and

15           WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson is survived by her beloved husband of  
16 52 years, Don; her mother, Rosalie Gray; her siblings, Carrie  
17 Murphy, Erma Gray Davis (Dan), and Calvin Gray (Ruth); her  
18 daughter, Rhonda Jackson Sams (Ray); her son, Baba Dainja; her  
19 grandchildren, Donovan, Dain, and Riley Rose; and numerous  
20 nieces, nephews, and friends; therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Rosemary Robinson Jackson Ph.D., and extend our sincere  
2 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
3 her; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Dr. Jackson as an expression of our  
6 deepest sympathy.