



HR0639

LRB104 20418 MST 33882 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Joyce Regina Miller, who passed away on January 1, 2026; and

3

4

5

WHEREAS, Dr. Miller was born to John and Leevolia Moore on June 8, 1962; she attended Mason Elementary School and was the valedictorian of Josephinum High School in 1979; she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Drake University in 1983 and her Doctor of Medicine from the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in 1988; she married Andrea Miller at Carey Tercentenary AME Church in 1986; and

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

WHEREAS, Dr. Miller's career was dedicated to psychiatry; she served as chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Cook County Health & Hospital Systems (2019-2025) and as a long-standing consultant psychiatrist at Provident Hospital (2005-2025); she previously served Cook County as a staff psychiatrist at Cermak Hospital (2016-2019) and held major leadership positions, including medical director at Madden Hospital (2010-2016) and clinical director at Jackson Park Hospital's Friedell Clinic (2006-2013); she mentored future physicians as an attending physician at Rush University and an associate professor of psychiatry at Midwestern University, and her work from inpatient and outpatient care to

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

1 correctional, HIV/mental health, developmental, postpartum,
2 and emergency services reflected a lifelong commitment to
3 patients with complex needs; most recently, she helped open
4 the Cook County Health Bronzeville Health Center; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Miller was a devoted member of Carey
6 Tercentenary AME Church since her childhood; she was a
7 faithful tither and remained deeply involved in church life,
8 where she served as a class leader, supported the Women's
9 Missionary Society, and contributed to the Missionary Board's
10 work; she helped implement community health initiatives,
11 including real-life hands-on support for elders and their
12 families, and was invested in young people through the YPD
13 program; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Miller was also committed to service through
15 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she remained a member
16 for decades and supported her Sorors and line sisters through
17 every season of life; she pledged Phi Chapter at Drake
18 University and crossed on April 10, 1982 as part of the first
19 all-collegiate line, proudly as #8 "Quiet Touch"; as an Omega
20 Pearl, she was remembered for bringing people together
21 throughout campus; she remained active in the Glen Ellyn
22 Alumnae Chapter and was also a devoted member of the Chicago
23 Alumnae Chapter; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Miller was recognized as Physician of the
2 Year at Jackson Park Hospital in 2010 for her outstanding
3 service and care; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Miller was affectionately known as
5 "Joy-baby"; she found joy in hobbies that kept her curious and
6 creative; she studied the piano and spent time renovating her
7 home, taking pride in making it a space for celebrations and
8 family, and she absolutely adored her dog Rello, who brought
9 her constant companionship and love; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Miller set the standard for excellence, made
11 a profound impact on her community, and carried herself with
12 love and patience; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Miller was preceded in death by her parents;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Miller is survived by her husband, Andre; her
16 daughter, Victoria; her brother and sisters, Linda Washington,
17 John (Regina) Moore Jr., Cynthia (Elgin) Perkins, and Faye
18 Wooten; her sister-in-law, Anita (Jerome) Miller-Carpenter;
19 her in-laws, Erone and Dr. Queenella Miller; and numerous
20 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we mourn the passing of Dr. Joyce Regina Miller and extend our
3 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
4 and loved her; and be it further

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