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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 Cheryl F. Green, Ph.D., who passed away on April 23, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Green was a native of Chicago's South Side; at a young age, she served as a literacy tutor, witnessing firsthand the disparities in education; she earned her Ph.D. in Psychology, and she was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Green became the first Black president, and the sixth president overall, of Governors State University in July 2020; as president, she made historic moves to elevate the visibility of the institution while creating opportunities and removing barriers to education; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Green led the effort to ensure Governors State University created a free-standing Social Justice Initiative to address barriers to social mobility, equity, and justice; she also oversaw the establishment of the Latinx Resource Center at the university, which was created to support and nurture the growing Latinx student population; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Green secured Governors State University's

1 largest private donation in history, created the Honors  
2 College and the College of Graduate Studies, and brought the  
3 Illinois Black Hall of Fame to the university; she also  
4 established many new institutions on campus, including the  
5 first Greek-lettered organizations at Governors State  
6 University; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Green was committed to serving her community  
8 through her work on several corporate and community boards  
9 across the nation; she impacted many by serving students in  
10 higher education across several states, including Indiana,  
11 Tennessee, and Wisconsin; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Green enjoyed the arts and reading; she loved  
13 learning about history and often infused speeches with  
14 historical references to Black history and Latin American  
15 history; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Green was immensely proud of her two adult  
17 children and spoke fondly of her extensive family; therefore,  
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19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21 Cheryl F. Green, Ph.D. and extend our sincere condolences to  
22 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it

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2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Dr. Green as an expression of our  
4 deepest sympathy.