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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 Kathryn Williams Timmes of Peoria, who passed away on October 8, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Kathryn Timmes was born in Ashland, Kentucky to Almira and Willie Williams on January 10, 1931; she attended high school at the Swift Memorial Institute, a private boarding school in Rogersville, Tennessee; her undergraduate education was at Bennett College, an all-girls, historically-black college in Greensboro, North Carolina; and

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WHEREAS, Kathryn Timmes began her career teaching fourth grade in New York City; after a few years, she moved to Peoria and worked at the Carver Center; after a year, she taught at the Spalding Institute and the Academy of Our Lady; she then began her 50-year career with District 150 and taught at Douglas Elementary School and counseled students at Manual and Woodruff High Schools; generations of young people came to know "Miss Timmes" as teacher, mentor, advisor, and adopted mom; and

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WHEREAS, Kathryn Timmes was the first president of the Heritage Ensemble and a charter member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Peoria Alumnae Chapter; she had many accomplishments, but her greatest pride and joy was her role as

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1 a wife, mother, and daughter; and

2 WHEREAS, Kathryn Timmes was preceded in death by her  
3 husband of 59 years, John Timmes, and her daughter, Janique  
4 "Jan"; and

5 WHEREAS, Kathryn Timmes is survived by her daughter,  
6 Johnna; her closest sister-girlfriend, Jeanne St. Julian; and  
7 numerous extended family members, church members, neighbors,  
8 friends, former students, and colleagues; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Kathryn Williams Timmes and extend our sincere condolences to  
12 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Kathryn Timmes as an expression of  
16 our deepest sympathy.