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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 Alma Bernadine Taylor Jones of Woodbridge, Virginia, who passed away on April 27, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Alma Jones was born to John Henry and Pearl Matthews Taylor in Crenshaw, Mississippi on September 12, 1924; she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee; she also completed considerable postgraduate studies; Alma married Perkins S. Jones Sr. of Rose Hill, Mississippi, and they had two children together; and

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WHEREAS, Alma Jones enjoyed teaching and was an educator for more than 40 years; she taught in the public schools of Cumberland, Maryland and as a demonstration teacher in the laboratory schools of the Tuskegee Institute and at Alcorn A&M College; she spent more than 20 years as a teacher and reading specialist at Washington Middle School in Springfield; Alma also served two terms as a commissioner of the Education Council; and

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WHEREAS, After retirement, Alma Jones enjoyed helping others; she volunteered as a literacy tutor at Lawrence Education Center, a St. Johns Hospital Interfaith Caregiver, an

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1 A.A.R.P. Lobbyist; an S.I.U. School of Medicine Geriatric
2 Mentor and a Literacy Tutor in Woodbridge, Virginia and for
3 Meals on Wheels; and

4 WHEREAS, Alma Jones was a member of Zion Baptist Church
5 prior to relocating to Woodbridge where she united with First
6 Mt. Zion Baptist Church; she was a life member of the
7 N.A.A.C.P. and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Alma was a
8 founding member of the Springfield chapters of the United Negro
9 College Fund and the A.K.A. Sorority; she was also a member of
10 the Springfield Urban League; and

11 WHEREAS, Alma Jones was preceded in death by her parents;
12 her husband; her two sisters; and her three brothers; and

13 WHEREAS, Alma Jones is survived by her daughter, Dr. Linda
14 F. Jones-Turner (C.A.); her son, Dr. Perkins S. Jones Jr.
15 (Sheila); her step-granddaughter, Kelisha Turner-Taylor
16 (William); her two great-grandchildren, Amarria and Liam; her
17 nieces, Marva Taylor Salaam and Cecilia Taylor; her nephews,
18 Byron P. Taylor (Georgia), Kermit B. Taylor (Joyce), and Kermit
19 J. Taylor (Bernestine); and her several great nieces, nephews,
20 cousins, and cherished friends; therefore, be it

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

1 Alma Bernadine Taylor Jones and extend our sincere condolences
2 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
3 it further

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