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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 Waynona Brown of Champaign; and

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WHEREAS, Waynona Brown was born to Wayne and Yetiva Morgan Newcom in Benton, Kansas on June 23, 1921; following public school in Haven and Pretty Prairie, Kansas, she attended Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg, Kansas; she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in mathematics and minors in commerce, English and speech; she subsequently attended the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago in 1946 with a Red Cross scholarship; she earned a Master of Arts in Social Work from the University of Chicago in 1953; she married Richard M. Brown in 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Waynona Brown first worked as a teacher at high schools in Haven, Planeview, and Pretty Praire, Kansas; she worked for the Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross from 1947 to 1948 and the Kansas Children's Service League in Wichita and Coffeyville, Kansas from 1948 to 1953; in 1953, she moved to Champaign to become the supervisor of the Champaign office of the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society where she remained until 1962; from 1976 until her retirement in 1984, she was the agency and institution

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1 licensing representative for the Champaign region of the  
2 Illinois Department of Children and Family Services; and

3 WHEREAS, Waynona Brown was involved in a number of  
4 volunteer activities; prior to her marriage, she was active in  
5 the local chapter of the National Association of Social  
6 Workers, a board member of the United Community Council and of  
7 the Volunteer Bureau, and a member of the Children's and  
8 Unmarried Mothers committees; between 1960 and 1990, she was a  
9 board member of Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana, where  
10 she also served for many years as chairman of the Personnel  
11 Committee; she volunteered at the Planned Parenthood  
12 Association of Champaign County from 1966 to 1967 and was a  
13 board member from 1986 to 1989; she was a member of the  
14 Children's Home and Aid Society Auxiliary from 1963 to 2003,  
15 served on the board of directors of the Child Care Association  
16 of Illinois from 1968 to 1974, served on the board of directors  
17 for the Children's Planning Consortium of Illinois during its  
18 organizational period from 1973 to 1974, and was chairwoman of  
19 the Champaign Area Public-Private Agency Planning Committee  
20 from 1974 to 1976; and

21 WHEREAS, Waynona Brown was preceded in death by her  
22 husband; her parents; her son, Peter; her brother; her two  
23 sisters; her two nieces; and her one nephew; and

1           WHEREAS, Waynona Brown is survived by two sons, Alan W.  
2           Brown and Stephen H. Brown; her daughter, Kathryn L.  
3           Blackwood; four grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; five  
4           great-great-grandchildren; and five nephews; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
6           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7           Waynona Brown and extend our sincere condolences to her  
8           family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
9           further

10          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11          presented to the family of Waynona Brown as an expression of  
12          our deepest sympathy.