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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 Dolores Register, who passed away on December 9, 2021 at the age of 88; and

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WHEREAS, Dolores Register was born to John Thomas and Earsy (Bryant) Current in Detroit, Michigan on October 23, 1933; she was raised in Detroit, where she attended elementary school and graduated from Northwestern High School; she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education and her Master of Education from Wayne State University, where she became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in 1952; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from Wayne State University, Dolores Register studied dance with Alvin Ailey and Martha Graham at Sorbonne University in France; throughout her life, she was a student of the world who traveled to a wide variety of locations, including Spain, Germany, France, Canada, Central America, Australia, and Nairobi, Kenya; and

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WHEREAS, Dolores Register married the Rev. Donald B. Register on August 31, 1963, and they moved to St. Louis, Missouri; she became the first black teacher hired by the St. Louis Board of Education; she later gave birth to her first two children, John and Christopher; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dolores Register moved with her family to Oak
2 Park in 1971, where she gave birth to her third son, Mark; she
3 was the founding director of the Multicultural Education
4 Center, which became a critical component in Oak Park's equity
5 and inclusion initiatives through the center's curriculum
6 focusing on creating greater awareness and appreciation for
7 different cultures through food, the arts, and community; as
8 the founding director, she was involved in many festivals and
9 events and helped create Oak Park's iconic Ethnic Fest
10 celebration; and

11 WHEREAS, Dolores Register's husband, Donald, became pastor
12 of Sixth Grace Presbyterian Church in Chicago; as first lady
13 of the church, she implemented several programs advancing the
14 church's mission; she was deeply rooted in her faith; and

15 WHEREAS, Dolores Register was preceded in death by her
16 parents; her brothers, Gloster, Lester, and John; and her
17 sisters, Isabelle and Gloria; and

18 WHEREAS, Dolores Register is survived by her husband of 58
19 years, the Rev. Donald B. Register; her sons, John (Alice)
20 Register, Christopher (Samoria) Register, and Mark (Kenyatta)
21 Register; her grandchildren, Ronald, John Jr., Ashley, Aimee,
22 Danielle, Emmanuel, Rhea, Christopher, Reese, Tatum, and

1 Tillman; and a host of great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Dolores Register and extend our sincere condolences to her
5 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Dolores Register as an expression
9 of our deepest sympathy.