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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Dr. Mildred Louise Sammons of East St. Louis on February 9, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sammons was born on January 15, 1917; she was the daughter of the late Leslie Lee and Louise Hopkins and a native of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where she completed her elementary and high school education; after graduating from high school, she attended Kentucky State College in Frankfort, Kentucky, where she completed a two-year teacher course; and

WHEREAS, While still a young woman, she moved to East St. Louis in 1945 and, shortly thereafter, married Doree Thomas; in 1947, she established the Mildred Louise School for Teachers; in May 1959, the school was incorporated and became known as the Mildred Louise Business School, Inc.; some years later, the school was again renamed as the Mildred Louise Business College; she served as an Instructor, Administrator, and President of the college; the Mildred Louise Business College was an accredited institution with only certified instructors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sammons devoted her life to education and molding the minds of young women and men from all walks of life to help them achieve the highest level of professional excellence in their chosen careers; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being a lifelong, active member of St. Paul Baptist Church, she also was an active member of many civic, business, and political organizations, such as the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, the Women's Crisis Board of Directors, the St. Clair County YWCA, Delta Pi Epsilon Graduate Honor Fraternity, SIU-Edwardsville Board of Directors, Community Hospital of East St. Louis, the National African-American

1 Association for Colored People, and the Women United Political
2 Organization; she was also inducted into the "Who's Who of
3 Business and Professional Women"; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Sammons received honors, recognition, awards,
5 and citations - internationally, nationally, and locally - for
6 her excellence in service to the community and several
7 organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, She was an excellent role model for adults and
9 young people in the East St. Louis community; her achievements
10 and dedication exemplified what one can accomplish in a
11 lifetime while successfully combining the roles of mother,
12 professional woman, wife, and grandmother; and

13 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband; her
14 brothers, Egbert and George Hopkins; and her sister, Elizabeth
15 Robinson; and

16 WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Mildred Louise Sammons is felt
17 by all who knew and loved her, especially her daughter, Jettan
18 Thomas Anderson; her grandchildren, Darrick L. Anderson, Jr.,
19 and Jocelyn Louisa Anderson; her nephews, Donald, Darrell, and
20 Edwin Hopkins; her niece, Diane Hopkins; her Thomas Family
21 relatives, Robert Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jones, Edith
22 Mickles, Janette Owens, Tyrone (Beverly) Washington, Leroy
23 (Charlotte) Jackson, Barbara Mickles, Stephanie Mickles, and
24 Mr. and Mrs. Lou Mickles; and a host of former students, close
25 friends, and professional and civic affiliations; therefore,
26 be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
29 Dr. Mildred Louise Sammons and extend our sincerest condolences
30 to her family, friends, and community; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
3 sympathy.