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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 Barbara Noel Caldwell of Chicago, who passed away on July 28, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Caldwell was born in Chicago to the Honorable Lewis A.H. and Alice Jarrells Caldwell on March 23, 1937; she spent her childhood scooping ice cream at Roberta's Sweet Shop and writing Teen Town Chatter, a weekly column in the Chicago Crusader newspaper; she was educated in the Chicago Public School System and graduated from Hyde Park High School; she attended St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, where she learned the principles that guided her life; her firm belief in education led her to attend Howard University and then return to Chicago, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Teaching from the Chicago Teachers College, now Chicago State University; she later earned a master's degree in Inner City Studies from Northeastern University; she married Keith Alonzo Caldwell on October 22, 1960; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Caldwell began her career in education in the Chicago Public School System at the Alexandre Dumas Elementary school, where she implemented a groundbreaking Closed Circuit Television education program to bring learning to inner-city students; her leadership skills took her to the

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1 Walt Disney Magnet School, where she became a pod leader in
2 their open classroom curriculum;; and

3 WHEREAS, Barbara Caldwell served as President of the
4 Chicago Teachers Pension & Retirement Fund, where she managed a
5 \$3.5 million budget; she served her community for many years as
6 an active Diamond Life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
7 Inc.; she was a founding member of the LakeShore Chapter of the
8 Chicago Links, Inc., The Mother's Club, and the Bronzeville
9 Children's Museum; she also served as a board member for
10 several organizations; she was a member of St. Mark United
11 Methodist Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Barbara Caldwell was never shy about speaking up
13 for those who were less fortunate, a characteristic she learned
14 from her father; she loved life and enjoyed dancing, traveling,
15 horseback riding, and dining out; her interests included
16 collecting art, decorating her home, and spoiling her
17 grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Barbara Caldwell was preceded in death by her
19 mother; her father; her stepmother, Ruth Stimpson; her sister,
20 Phyllis Yvonne; and her first husband, Keith Caldwell, and her
21 second husband, Richard Ward; and

22 WHEREAS, Barbara Caldwell is survived by her children, Lori

1 (Derryle) Caldwell Valentine and Keith Lewis (Sheryl)
2 Caldwell; her grandchildren, Derryle Keith Valentine,
3 Christopher Caldwell Valentine, Kyra Rene Caldwell, Dorian
4 Noel Valentine, and Karson Nicole Caldwell; and her many
5 relatives, friends, neighbors, sorority sisters, church, and
6 club members; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Barbara Noel Caldwell and extend our sincere condolences to her
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Barbara Caldwell as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.