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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 Terri R. Jackson of Springfield, who passed away on February 20, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Terri R. Jackson was born on April 7, 1957; her parents were George and Ruth Jackson; and

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WHEREAS, Terri R. Jackson was a graduate of Southeast High School; she received her bachelor's degree from Sangamon State University and was enrolled in the graduate program at the University of Illinois at Springfield; and

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WHEREAS, Terri R. Jackson was committed to her career with the University of Illinois at Springfield, where she served as Director of Multicultural Student Affairs; and

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WHEREAS, Terri R. Jackson was a member of many civic organizations; she was a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Springfield Human Rights Commission, the Springfield Urban League, the Springfield Chapter of NAACP, and the Illinois Department of Public Health Division of Minority Services; she was a founding member of Community Working Together for a Cure and Women United; she was appointed by Governor Rod Blagojevich to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial

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2 WHEREAS, Terri R. Jackson was the favorite Delta Sigma
3 Theta Sorority, Inc., Soror of Illinois State Senator Kimberly
4 A. Lightford; she acted as an older, more mature sister to
5 Senator Lightford; she was open, friendly, and a great
6 motivator, encouraging Senator Lightford to pursue her
7 master's degree in public administration at the University of
8 Illinois at Springfield and to pursue public office, from her
9 bid to be a Village Trustee in Maywood through her election as
10 State Senator; she would spend evenings with Senator Lightford
11 at the State Capitol while the Senator was carrying her son,
12 Isaiah; Terri R. Jackson was unbelievable in how she could and
13 would step up and provide follow through and direction to bring
14 about the completion of many community and statewide projects;
15 Senator Lightford will remember Ms. Jackson forever as a true
16 friend with a warm heart, a beautiful smile, and the passion to
17 inspire her and countless others; and

18 WHEREAS, Terri R. Jackson was a member of Monroe Street
19 Christian Church; and

20 WHEREAS, Terri R. Jackson was preceded in death by her
21 sister, Michelle Y. Jackson, and her grandchild, Journee A.
22 Jackson; and

1 WHEREAS, Terri R. Jackson is survived by her parents; her
2 son, Damien Jackson; her brothers, George E. Jackson and Eugene
3 (wife, Tracy) Jackson; her sisters, Jennifer C. Jackson and
4 Vanessa J. Jackson; her nephew, Adrien Jackson; her niece,
5 Danielle Jackson; her grandchildren, Camden Jackson, Harmonee
6 Cunningham, and Ciara Jackson; her aunts, Ada Wolford, Florence
7 Davis, Maggie Moore, Della Reese, and Maryetta Jackson; her
8 uncles, Jim, Otis, George, and Tolies Crawford, William
9 Crawford, Carl Crawford, and Rahman Ali; and her many cousins
10 and friends; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
13 her family and friends, the passing of Terri R. Jackson; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Terri R. Jackson as an expression of
17 our sympathy.