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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 Betty Jean Jackson of Chicago, who passed away on July 9, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Jackson was born in Jacksonville, Florida on July 28, 1944 to LeRoy Jackson and Aretha Mallory; at the age of 12, she moved to Maywood with her mother and step-father, Clarence Mallory, Sr.; she attended Washington Elementary School in Maywood and graduated from McKinley Elementary School in Chicago; she also attended Richard T. Crane Medical Preparatory High School; she married Edward Jackson in 1981; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Jackson was a life-long learner; she became a certified semi-truck driver, earned her CDL license, and went on to drive for the Chicago Transit Authority; she became a state-licensed Cosmetologist at Debbie's School of Beauty Culture in Chicago, where she graduated with high honors; she earned her Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Triton College in River Grove; she studied at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida, the University of North Florida, and Chicago State University, from which she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice; she became a permanent substitute teacher for Illinois School

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1 District 89 for more than 15 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Betty Jackson's 2 favorite activities were  
3 traveling and dancing; she also enjoyed spending time with  
4 family and friends; she was a member of Second Baptist Church  
5 in Maywood and then Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago;  
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7 WHEREAS, Betty Jackson was preceded in death by her  
8 parents; her step-father; and her husband, Edward; and

9 WHEREAS, Betty Jackson's greatest accomplishments were her  
10 children, Sharon Jones, Gale (Dennis) Taylor, Darren Jones,  
11 Sr., Tammi Jordan, Danielle Randolph, Keith Jackson, Chris  
12 Jackson, and Tobias Jackson, and her eldest granddaughter,  
13 Shanae Jones, who she raised; she was a proud big sister to her  
14 brothers, Reverend Dr. Charles (Cydia) Koen, Clarence  
15 (Charlotte) Mallory, Jr., and sisters, Linda (Joe) Brown, and  
16 Sandra Mallory; she was also proud of her "little  
17 sister"/cousin Rosa Thomas and her extended family, the Davis  
18 Family; she leaves her love and legacy to carry on through her  
19 many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews,  
20 Godchildren, and a host of relatives and friends; therefore, be  
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22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 Betty Jean Jackson, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Betty Jackson as an expression of  
7 our deepest sympathy.