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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 Dr. Herbert Jackson of Rockford, who passed away on December 28, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson was born on January 24, 1930; after graduating from Chicago's Wendall Phillips High School, he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1951; he served from December of 1951 until December of 1952 as a corporal assigned to the 8th Army 802nd Engr. Aviation Bn. Co. B and did a tour of duty in Suwon, Korea during the Korean War; in 1953, he enrolled in Wilson Junior College where he earned an associate's degree and met the love of his life, his future wife Edna Marie Counts; he enrolled in the Chicago Teachers College, now known as Chicago State University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree; he was then accepted into Podiatry School in 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson began his Rockford podiatry practice in the offices of Dr. Jeffry Ish; while he was building a full-time practice, he also worked for Lowell Hawkinson in recruiting minorities for an employment agency called Availability; he practiced podiatry for 39 years before retiring; and

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1           WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson served as campaign manager for  
2 Victory Bell, Rockford's first Black alderman; he supported  
3 many community groups, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars,  
4 The Taus, Inc., the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Pi Gamma  
5 Omega Chapter, Rockford's chapter of Delta Sigma Theta  
6 Sorority, Inc., and AARC at Booker; he was a volunteer for the  
7 Northern Illinois Diabetes Coalition; and

8           WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson served as a past member of the  
9 Winnebago County Board and the Winnebago County Sheriff and  
10 Fire Commission; he was a former vice president for the  
11 Winnebago County Health Department Black Health Care  
12 Initiative and was a former member of the Rosecrance Board;  
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14           WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson adored his family, with whom he took  
15 cruises and traveled abroad, and enjoyed hiatuses to his condo  
16 in Florida; he was a fashionable man who loved buying clothes,  
17 shoes, and eye wear; and

18           WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson was preceded in death by his wife,  
19 Edna Marie; his father, Willie Sr.; his mother, Julia  
20 Jackson-Clarke; and his brother, Willie Jr.; and

21           WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson is survived by his son, Christopher  
22 Herbert Jackson; his daughter, Kelli Lynn Jackson; his first

1 cousins, Mary Twitty, Julia Simon, James Morgan, Abram Morgan,  
2 and Joyce McGowan; and his second cousin, Tonya Butler White;  
3 therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
6 Dr. Herbert Jackson and extend our sincere condolences to his  
7 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
8 further

9       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Dr. Jackson as an expression of our  
11 deepest sympathy.