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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Tanya Uvon Coursey; and

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WHEREAS, Tanya Coursey, affectionately known as "Ms.
Coursey", was born on September 23, 1967; she graduated from
Carrie Jacobs Bond Elementary School in 1981 and Paul Robeson
High School in 1985; she obtained an associate degree from
Richard J. Daley College in child development in 1990, a
bachelor's degree from Chicago State University in education in
2005, a master's degree with honors in teaching from National
Louis University in 2008, earning a teaching certificate
(pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade), a second master's degree
with honors in education from National Louis University in
2012, earning an administrative certificate (school
administration/supervision), and an honorary doctorate in
educational leadership from National Louis University in 2014;
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WHEREAS, Tanya Coursey worked in the Head Start department
at Carrie Jacobs Bond Elementary School for 25 years; she also
worked at the Effie O'Ellis Child Development Lab School and
served as the Disciplinarian and Program Coordinator at the
after school program at Carrie Jacobs Bond Elementary School;
and

1 WHEREAS, Tanya Coursey served as an executive board member
2 for the Englewood Achievers Block Club Incorporated (72nd
3 Place); she was also the special events coordinator from 2002
4 until her passing; she was a member of Sacred Heart Church and
5 later St. Sabina Church, where she sung with the Voices of St.
6 Sabina choir; she was most recently a member of New Life
7 Worship Center; and

8 WHEREAS, Tanya Coursey was preceded in death by her mother,
9 Dorothea Hazeldine Coursey, and her 2 uncles, Robert Coursey
10 and Calvin Coursey; and

11 WHEREAS, Tanya Coursey is survived by her sons, Thomas and
12 Lawrence Coursey; her sister, Tasha Baker (Edward); her
13 grandchildren, Thomas, Jr., Layah, and Tamiya; her 2 nieces,
14 Tanea and Tajha Igess; her nephew, Shan Igess, Jr.; her 2
15 aunts, Carol and Gloria Coursey; her uncle, Johnathan Coursey;
16 her 3 Godsons, Armani, Anfernee, and Anthony Couch, Jr.; and a
17 host of relatives and close friends; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Tanya Uvon Coursey, and extend our sincere condolences to her
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
22 further

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