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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 Bobbie Johnson; and

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WHEREAS, Bobbie Johnson was a well-known community  
5 activist; she served as the 3rd Ward Republican committeewoman  
6 and is known for her unwavering fight to preserve the  
7 Rosenwald, also known as the Michigan Boulevard Garden  
8 Apartments, on 47th Street in Chicago; she used many of her  
9 resources to seek funding for many trips, leadership  
10 conferences, and outings for youth in the Bronzeville  
11 community; she also hosted many community events and other  
12 programs that gave youth and residents of the area a sense of  
13 being and purpose; and

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WHEREAS, Bobbie Johnson was the president and founder of  
15 Race to Knowledge and the Cybertech Teen Cafe; she was the  
16 founder of Save the Rosenwald Coalition and creator of many  
17 programs, including the Art Zone Literacy Program for Youth;  
18 she was also the president of Black Wall Street Chicago - 47th  
19 Street and a member of the Daughters of Isis, the Order of the  
20 Eastern Star, and the Elks; and

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WHEREAS, Bobbie Johnson was the beloved mother of Larissa,  
22 Allen Jr. (Melanie), Rafael (Rachel), Tasha, and Erskine; the

1 dearest sister of Bertha Mae White, Lucius Smart, and James  
2 Leggins; and the grandmother of Sondai Adjei, Shania, Allen III  
3 (Trey), Nathaniel, and Nakir; therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
6 his family and friends, the passing of Bobbie Johnson; and be  
7 it further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Bobbie Johnson as an expression of  
10 our sympathy.