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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Irene H. Brodie, who passed away on January 18, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Brodie was born in Armorel, Arkansas to Ira E. and Ressie Elder Hale on February 27, 1931; she was educated in the Missouri Public School System and attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri before transferring to Chicago Teacher's College (Chicago State University), where she attained her Bachelor of Education; she then attended the University of Chicago, where she attained her Master of Science Degree, and Nova University (Nova Southeastern University), where she was awarded her Doctorate of Education; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Brodie served as a 6th grade teacher at Kellar Jr. High School in Robbins and taught English at Richards High School in Oak Lawn; she later became assistant principal at Turner Elementary School and Professor of Communications at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, ultimately becoming Dean of Basic Education/Academic Skills at Moraine Valley Community College; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Brodie was appointed village clerk for Robbins and served in that position for 12 years; she went on to serve

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1 as the mayor of Robbins for 24 years from 1989 to 2013; she  
2 served as the Secretary of the National Conference of Black  
3 Mayors and was a member of both the South Suburban Mayor's  
4 Association and President Bill Clinton's Environmental  
5 Think-Tank Group; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Brodie was a member of numerous civic and  
7 community organizations including serving as president of the  
8 board of The Libra School; she was a member of The Ada S.  
9 McKinley Community Services, Inc. Board of Directors, the Blue  
10 Island Rotary Club, and the Chicago Southland Chamber of  
11 Commerce; she was also a member of the Moraine Valley Community  
12 College Foundation and was recognized as one of the college's  
13 most notable benefactors; she was a member of the Great Hope  
14 Missionary Baptist Church in Robbins; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Brodie was preceded in death by her parents;  
16 her sisters, Ethel H. Banks and Rev. Dr. Evelyn H. Meachum; her  
17 husband, J.E. Brodie; and her daughter, Jeraye Brodie; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Brodie is survived by her sister, Bertha  
19 (George) Buckner; her niece, Lori Buckner; her nephew, Byron  
20 Buckner and his wife, Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner; her  
21 great-nieces, Chebet and Maya Buckner; and many other relatives  
22 and friends; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3 mourn the passing of Dr. Irene H. Brodie, and extend our  
4 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
5 and loved her; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Dr. Brodie as an expression of our  
8 deepest sympathy.