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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 Jackie Marie Morris of Kansas City, Kansas, who passed away on February 19, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Jackie Morris was born to the late Denver and Onighter (Smith) Morris on October 7, 1955; she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education and Speech Communication from Monmouth College and a Master of Science in Urban Education from Kansas State University, as well as many other certifications; and

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WHEREAS, Jackie Morris was a reading and language arts elementary and secondary teacher in District 500 for 32 years; she rarely sent students to the principal's office for misbehaving and preferred to solve problems inside her classroom; she was passionate about getting parents more involved in educating children; she loved all of her students; she also worked as an adjunct professor at Johnson County Community College; for 40 years, she worked as a part-time bridal consultant for Halls Country Club Plaza and Crown Center; and

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WHEREAS, Jackie Morris spent her time volunteering and working with children in her community; she served on many

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1 committees, including the Dr. King Jr. Annual Birthday
2 Celebration; she was a Big Eight and Big Twelve Conference
3 Scholarship Host committee member for 20 years, a cheerleader
4 and drill team sponsor for the District for ten years, a debate
5 coach, an oratorical contest consultant and judge for the
6 Northeast and Rosedale Optimist Clubs, and a summer youth
7 employment counselor for Gear-Up and JPTA; and

8 WHEREAS, Jackie Morris was strong in her faith; she joined
9 the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church at the age of 11; after
10 leaving Olivet, she attended the First Baptist Church in Kansas
11 City; she later attended and joined the Palestine Missionary
12 Baptist Church, where she volunteered, donated, and worked with
13 the church's ministries, especially those involving children
14 and youth, for 18 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Jackie Morris was an avid traveler and visited
16 most of the United States, Italy, England, France, Switzerland,
17 Germany, the Caribbean Islands of Jamaica, and Aruba;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Jackie Marie Morris and extend our sincere condolences to her
22 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
23 further

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