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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 Sandy Thomas Carter of Shorewood, who passed away on September 6, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Sandy Carter was born in Princeton, New Jersey to the Azah and Emma L. (Gregory) Carter on March 29, 1948; during his early school years, he worked in his mother's restaurant, Emma's Luncheonette, as a waiter; during his junior and senior years in high school, he worked for an overnight camp, which was the start of his career working with youth; he graduated from Princeton High School in 1966 and completed his bachelor's degree in elementary education at Newark State College (Kean University), where he helped found the college's first Black student action group; he married Mary Theresa Coleman at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Westwood, New Jersey on August 26, 1972; and

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WHEREAS, Sandy Carter began his teaching career in Newark, New Jersey as an elementary school teacher and later taught in East Orange, New Jersey; during one of his summer breaks, he started to work with World Book Encyclopedia; in 1986, he left New Jersey with his wife and children to join World Book Encyclopedias as a division chairperson in Joliet; and

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1 WHEREAS, Sandy Carter returned to teaching at Joliet
2 Central High School as a substitute teacher; he then became an
3 English and Language Arts teacher at Laraway Elementary School
4 in Joliet; he earned his master's degree in administration from
5 Lewis University in Romeoville and became the principal of
6 Laraway; and

7 WHEREAS, Sandy Carter retired as principal in 2011 and
8 entered the real estate field as a realtor for Carter Realty
9 Group; and

10 WHEREAS, Sandy Carter was a member of Mt. Pisgah A.M.E.
11 Church in Princeton; after moving to Joliet, he was a member of
12 Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church for 33 years; as a member of Brown
13 Chapel, he served in many capacities, as a custodian, as a
14 Sunday school teacher, and with the Christian Education
15 Department; he led one of the first RAP groups for the teenage
16 youth in church; he also worked with the Men's Ministry and
17 served as a steward and on the trustee board; and

18 WHEREAS, Sandy Carter was passionate about his faith, his
19 family, and education and received numerous community
20 acknowledgment awards over the years; he was a beloved husband,
21 father, grandfather, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and
22 friend; and

1 WHEREAS, Sandy Carter was preceded in death by his parents;
2 his daughter, Yvette Teres Carter; his brother, James Azah
3 Carter; and his nephew, Keith James Carter; and

4 WHEREAS, Sandy Carter is survived by his wife, Mary
5 Theresa; his son, Jonathan T. (Feleniese) Carter and
6 granddaughters, Jocelyn and Jaria; his son, Chad J. (Carmen)
7 Carter and grandsons, Chad Jr., Connor, and Carson; his
8 daughter, Jessica (Terrance) Carter-Hobbs and granddaughters,
9 Joyelle, Jayanna, and Jaleesa; his nieces, Kelly Carter,
10 Penelope S. Edwards-Carter, and Katryna Carter; and numerous
11 nieces, nephews, extended family members, and close friends;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Sandy Thomas Carter and extend our sincere condolences to his
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Sandy Carter as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.