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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Leslie Ann Jones, who passed away on
4 April 13, 2020 at the age of 67; and

5 WHEREAS, Leslie Jones received her bachelor's degree from
6 Yale University and graduated from Harvard Law School; and

7 WHEREAS, Leslie Jones was an accomplished lawyer and had an
8 expansive legal career, specializing in zoning, federal
9 litigation, real estate, and corporate transactions; and

10 WHEREAS, Leslie Jones met her husband Thomas E. Johnson
11 while they were both providing free legal services to
12 impoverished people in the Chicago area through the Legal
13 Assistance Foundation; they were then partners at the law firm
14 of Johnson, Jones, Snelling, Gilbert & Davis, which her husband
15 founded in downtown Chicago; and

16 WHEREAS, Leslie Jones was a clinical professor of trial
17 practice and ethics at the Northwestern School of Law; and

18 WHEREAS, Leslie Jones devoted her free time to the Oak Park
19 community, advocating for public art that would be accessible
20 to all residents; and

1 WHEREAS, Leslie Jones was active as both a board member and
2 as president of the Oak Park Arts Area Council; while on the
3 Council, she championed the work of multicultural artists and
4 led the community in drafting a new public arts ordinance that
5 was passed by the Village of Oak Park; and

6 WHEREAS, Leslie Jones enjoyed many creative pursuits in her
7 life, including screen printing, knitting, and weaving; and

8 WHEREAS, Leslie Jones was filled with vitality and
9 generosity; she had a strong commitment to social justice and a
10 drive to help disadvantaged people in all kinds of ways; and

11 WHEREAS, Leslie Jones was passionate about finding secure,
12 loving homes for children in need; this drove her to join the
13 board of the Hephzibah Children's Association as well as to
14 welcome numerous foster children into her home; and

15 WHEREAS, Leslie Jones was a person filled with compassion
16 and generosity; she was known for her wonderful sense of humor
17 and for her love for her community; she will be remembered by
18 friends and family for all the good she did; and

19 WHEREAS, Leslie Jones is survived by her sons, Ben Johnson,
20 Charlie Johnson, and Jake Johnson; and her godson, Chris

1 Hampton; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Leslie Ann Jones and extend our sincere condolences to her
5 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Leslie Jones as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.