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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 Dorothy Dawson, who passed away on November 17, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Dawson was born on October 23, 1930; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Dawson was a track and field pioneer and youth advocate; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Dawson was a long-time teacher, the vice principal, and the Dean of Girls at Dunbar Vocational High School in the Bronzeville neighborhood of Chicago's South Side; she organized a track and field program for girls at Dunbar before the sport became recognized and helped many young women earn full scholarships to college; she retired from teaching in the Chicago Public School system after 35 years of service in 1997; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Dawson held numerous positions in the USA Track and Field (USATF) Illinois Association over the years, including serving on the Youth Athletics Executive Committee, chairing the Youth Regional Committee, and serving as president from 2000 to 2013; she received the USATF President's Award for her many decades of distinguished

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1 service in 1998; and

2 WHEREAS, Dorothy Dawson served as a delegate to USA Track
3 and Field's Constitutional Convention in 1979; she was the
4 first female to be inducted into the Illinois Track and Cross
5 Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1981; she received
6 several awards, including the Frank Sevigne Award and Robert
7 Giegengack Award; she was honored with the launch of the
8 annual Dorothy Dawson Invitational at Proviso High School in
9 Hillside in 2009; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we mourn the passing of Dorothy Dawson and extend our sincere
13 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
14 her; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Dorothy Dawson as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.