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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Shirley
4 Mae Jackson-Higgins, who passed away on May 24, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Shirley Jackson-Higgins was born in Bell City,
6 Missouri on February 3, 1943 to Willie J. and Rosie Lee
7 Jackson; she attended South Mast School and graduated from Bell
8 City High School; she was a member of Missionary Baptist
9 Church, also in Bell City; she attended Southeast Missouri
10 State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, graduated from
11 Triton College in River Grove, and attended DePaul University;
12 after relocating to Maywood, she was a member of First Baptist
13 Church of Melrose Park; she married Albert on December 31,
14 1968; and

15 WHEREAS, Shirley Jackson-Higgins's work history is long
16 and diverse beginning at Miles Square Medical Center of
17 Chicago; after relocating to Maywood, she took the position of
18 Account Administrator at Allied Van Lines; she also served as
19 an Administrative Assistant to the Illinois General Assembly;
20 later, she was employed by the Cook County Bureau of
21 Technology; upon retirement, she served as Commissioner on the
22 Maywood Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and was
23 Executive Director of the Maywood Urban Revitalization

1 Corporation; she was a member of The Way Back Inn Board of
2 Directors and a member with the Maywood Chamber of Commerce;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Shirley Jackson-Higgins acquired numerous
5 professional developmental certificates and accolades
6 including the Operation Uplift Maywood Hometown Achievement
7 Award, the Rosa Parks Heritage Award, and membership in the
8 Northeastern University Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Shirley Jackson-Higgins was preceded in death by
11 her parents; 2 brothers, Freddie Lee and J.W.; and 5 sisters,
12 Barbara Jean, Jessie B., Virginia, Ruthie Jean, and Deborah
13 Ann; and

14 WHEREAS, Shirley Jackson-Higgins is survived by her loving
15 husband, Albert; her beloved son, Talbert; precious daughter,
16 Angela Shirlene; beautiful grandchildren, Sydney Raymond and
17 Taylor Gabrielle Rose; siblings, Willie Lee (Helen), Eddie Lee,
18 Jerlean LeSure (Charles, deceased), Earnestine Pullen
19 (Charles, deceased), Carl Lee (Loretta), Daniel Lee (Amelia),
20 and Ceretha Brown (James, deceased); brother-in-law, J.W.
21 Terry; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and
22 friends; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we mourn the passing of Shirley Mae Jackson-Higgins, and extend
4 our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who
5 knew and loved her; and be it further

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