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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 Dianne Ruth Jones, who passed away on December 31, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Dianne Jones was born on March 24, 1928 and was raised in New York City; in 1949, she came to Chicago and attended Roosevelt University; she married Linzey D. Jones Sr. in 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Dianne Jones and her husband became actively involved in the growing civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s; she was actively involved with the NAACP in Chicago and the south suburbs and helped to organize two NAACP chapters; she also led efforts to desegregate Chicago's Rainbow Beach and participated in the 1963 March on Washington, D.C.; and

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WHEREAS, Dianne Jones began her career as an educator in the 1950s, teaching primarily in West Harvey School District No. 147; in 1968, she led efforts to establish one of the first teacher unions in the State of Illinois, West Harvey Federation of Teachers Local 1698; she served as President of Local 1698 from 1972 to 1978; she also served as an Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT) Vice-President for 8 years and chairperson of the Illinois Right-to-Read Advisory Council; after her

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1 retirement from teaching in 1979, she took on a larger role in
2 serving the interests of educators and children as an IFT Field
3 Service Director with IFT Local 604 until 1991; in that
4 capacity, she was responsible for organizing and bargaining for
5 teachers and staff in Sauk Village, Peotone, Channahon,
6 Wilmington, Homer, Joliet, Tinley Park, Steger, and many other
7 communities; she also worked on teacher training and school
8 reform initiatives of the IFT until her retirement from the IFT
9 in 1993; and

10 WHEREAS, Dianne Jones was preceded in death by her beloved
11 husband of 55 years, Linzey D. Jones Sr.; and

12 WHEREAS, Dianne Jones was the loving mother of Leslie Ann
13 Jones (Tom Johnson) and Judge Linzey D. Jones, Jr. (Gloria) and
14 the grandmother to Linzey George Jones and Ben, Charlie, and
15 Jake Johnson; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
18 her family and friends, the passing of Dianne Ruth Jones; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Dianne Jones as an expression of our
22 sympathy.