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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 Shirley Mae Jackson-Higgins, who passed away on May 24, 2014; and

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

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WHEREAS, Shirley Jackson-Higgins's work history is long and diverse beginning at Miles Square Medical Center of Chicago; after relocating to Maywood, she took the position of Account Administrator at Allied Van Lines; she also served as an assistant to the Illinois State Senate; later, she was employed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners; upon retirement, she served as Commissioner on the Maywood Housing Authority Board of Directors and was a member of The Way Back Inn Organization of Maywood Board of Directors; her most recent position was that of Director of the Maywood Urban

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1 Revitalization Corporation; and

2 WHEREAS, Shirley Jackson-Higgins acquired numerous  
3 professional developmental certificates and accolades,  
4 including the Operation Uplift Maywood Hometown Achievement  
5 Award, the Rosa Parks Heritage Award, and membership in the  
6 Northeastern University Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society;  
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8 WHEREAS, Shirley Jackson-Higgins was preceded in death by  
9 her parents; 2 brothers, Freddie Lee and J.W.; and 5 sisters,  
10 Barbara Jean, Jessie B., Virginia, Ruthie Jean, and Deborah  
11 Ann; and

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

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Shirley Mae Jackson-Higgins, and extend our sincere  
2 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
3 her; and be it further

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