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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 Dr. Dorothy B. Cornish of Peoria, who passed away on July 24, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Dorothy Cornish was born on November 30, 1930, in Charleston, South Carolina; her parents were John, Jr. and Etta L. (nee Vanderhorst) Greene; she married Herman L. Cornish on April 16, 1960 in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Dorothy Cornish earned her Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education and Social Science from Tuskegee University in Alabama in 1952 and her Ph.D. from Illinois State University; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Dorothy Cornish served with the American Red Cross during the Korean Conflict in Seoul, Korea; she later taught in Courtland, Alabama before coming to Peoria to serve as the director of the girl's and women's programs at the Carver Center; she later worked as a teacher and counselor in Peoria School District 150 and then taught at Illinois Central College in 1970, where she became the first director of the Illinois Central College Perley (Downtown) Campus in 1973; she retired in 1994 after many years of service; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dr. Dorothy Cornish was a member of St. Vincent de
2 Paul Catholic Church, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the
3 League of Women Voters, the National Association of University
4 Women, and In His Footsteps; she served on various boards,
5 including the boards of the Tri-County Urban League, the United
6 Way, the Hult Health Center, and Help a Child Scholarship
7 Foundation, Inc.; she was also active with Susan G. Komen Race
8 for the Cure and founded the Growing Together Program, a joint
9 effort between District 150 and Illinois Central College; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Dorothy Cornish was preceded in death by her
11 husband, Herman; a brother, Robert L. M. "Bobby" Greene; a
12 niece; and a nephew; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Dorothy Cornish is survived by a son, Kenneth
14 (Veara) Cornish; 2 daughters, Janet (George) Davis and Kelly
15 (Deron) Robbins; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and
16 a great-great-grandson; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
19 family and friends, mourn the passing of Dr. Dorothy B.
20 Cornish; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Dr. Dorothy Cornish as an expression

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1 of our sympathy.