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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 Jean Alice Augusta Carter-Hill of Chicago, who passed away on June 24, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Carter-Hill was born in Memphis, Tennessee to Patrick Sr. and Annie Long Carter on July 5, 1937; she attended Lake View Elementary School in Arkansas and Woodstock High School in Memphis, where she was a star basketball player; she studied child development, public speaking, and business mathematics at Kenney-King College in Chicago; she married Robert Johnson in 1957 and they settled in Chicago in 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Carter-Hill worked for the Chicago Public School District for 25 years; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Carter-Hill married Henry Hill in 1978; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Carter-Hill encouraged the youth of her community to be involved in making their neighborhoods a better place to live; in 1996, with her help, they persuaded the city to tear down an abandoned hospital building near the Nicholson School; a wooded area, also near the Nicholson School, became a campus park and garden and is now known as the Jean Carter-Hill Community Garden; and

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1 WHEREAS, In the summer of 1997, Jean Carter-Hill co-founded
2 Imagine Englewood IF (IEI) and served as its executive
3 director; IEI continues to operate with a focus on community
4 health and to encourage youth to make positive decisions about
5 their future; and

6 WHEREAS, Jean Carter-Hill joined with others to found the
7 Englewood Community Cultural Planning Council, a group of
8 residents, arts and cultural organizations, and other
9 neighborhood organizations, that meets monthly to address
10 community issues through the arts; and

11 WHEREAS, Jean Carter-Hill was preceded in death by her
12 parents; her brothers, Emmett and Patrick Carter; her sister,
13 Johnnie Naylor; and her stepdaughter, Cynthia Prichett; and

14 WHEREAS, Jean Carter-Hill is survived by her husband,
15 Henry; her children, Gregory Carter, Sheryl (Jonathan) Lott,
16 Robert Johnson Jr., Debra (Bernard) Coble, and Mark Johnson;
17 her stepchildren, Henry Hill Jr., Michele Hill, and Fredrick
18 Hill; her grandchildren, Latrice (Ignatius), LaShaundra,
19 DeLisa (Charles), Raquel, Dericka, Derrick Jr., Raven, Dejuan,
20 Marissa, Enya, Pierre, Amaris, Fredrick, Deangelo, and Trevor;
21 six great-grandchildren; her sisters, Eloise (Cle) Gardner,
22 and Ann Brewer; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren,

1 and friends; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Jean Alice Augusta Carter-Hill, and extend our sincere
5 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
6 her; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Jean Carter-Hill as an expression of
9 our deepest sympathy.