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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Emiel Hamberlin Jr., Ph.D.; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Hamberlin was born to Emile and Douglas
5 (Olga) Hamberlin in Fayette, Mississippi on November 8, 1939;
6 he began attending Alcorn State University in 1964, where he
7 earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and became a member of
8 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; he married his wife, Minnie,
9 in 1965; he moved to Chicago after graduating college; at the
10 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, he earned his Master
11 of Education in Vocational Education in 1978 and his Doctor of
12 Philosophy in Horticulture in 1982; he later received a degree
13 in advanced studies at Northwestern University in 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Hamberlin valued education throughout his
15 36-year teaching career at Jean Baptiste Point DuSable High
16 School in Chicago; he believed education to be the key to
17 upward mobility and should be fair and equitable; he
18 encouraged his students to receive the best education possible
19 and expanded their academic horizons where he was able, which
20 included providing such opportunities as exploring nature,
21 visiting museums, going on various field trips, and engaging
22 in hands-on activities; he encouraged and assisted many of his
23 students in attending and graduating from a number of esteemed

1 colleges and universities; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Hamberlin received many academic and special
3 recognition awards, including the Will/Cook County
4 Conservation Award in 1978, the State of Illinois Master
5 Teacher Award in 1980, an award for community service from the
6 Ora Higgins Youth Foundation in 1985, the Citizen Schools
7 Committee School Improvement Award in 1990, an award from the
8 Kohl Family Foundation in 1992, the Golden Apple Teacher Award
9 in 1996, and an award from the Harold Washington Cultural
10 Center in 2022; he was named the 1971 City of Chicago Teacher
11 of the Year, the 1974 Outstanding Secondary Educator of
12 America, the 1975 Professional Personnel Director
13 Environmental Educator, and the 1977 Teacher of the Year by
14 the Illinois State Board of Education; he was also featured as
15 an extraordinary instructor on ABC's 20/20 with Hugh Downs in
16 1977 and was mentioned in Who's Who Among Black Americans in
17 1988, Newsweek Magazine in 1986, and the 2004 book, America
18 Behind the Colored Lines, by Henry Louis Gates; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Hamberlin committed to his faith at an early
20 age in Fayette, Mississippi; after moving to Chicago, he
21 joined Liberty Baptist Church, where he became a very active
22 member, a deacon, and a trustee; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Hamberlin was a devoted husband, a loving and

1 nurturing father, a doting grandfather, and a dedicated
2 educator affectionately known as "Doc" by many; he will be
3 remembered for his wisdom, his commitment to education, and
4 the impact he made on the lives of his students; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Hamberlin was the husband of Minnie for 59
6 years; the father of Emiel Hamberlin III and Mark Hamberlin;
7 the grandfather of Emiel IV, Kenneth, Angela, and Jordan; the
8 brother of the late Jacqueline Brown Lowe, McKinley (Keith)
9 Hamberlin, James (Julia) Hamberlin, the late Herman Hamberlin,
10 and Lavern (Pastor Mary) Hamberlin; the cousin of James Brown;
11 and the uncle of many; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Emiel Hamberlin Jr., Ph.D., and extend our sincere condolences
15 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Dr. Hamberlin as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.