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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Sylvia P. "Patty" Cato; and

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WHEREAS, Sylvia Cato was born in Chicago to James and Constance McKay on November 5, 1934 and raised in the Lillydale Community on the south side of Chicago; she was an active member of Lillydale First Baptist Church, where she was part of the Children's Choir, usher board, and the youth organization, BYPU; she graduated from Gillespie Elementary School and Calumet High School; she attended the University of Illinois and Chicago State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in business education, and Governors State University where she earned two master's degrees in business education and counseling; she married Albert Cato Jr.; and

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WHEREAS, Sylvia Cato was an advocate for education and spent the majority of her life in educational roles, the last 17 years of her career as a counselor; prior to that, she served as a business instructor with Chicago Public Schools; she also modeled with the Carrie Scott modeling agency; and

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WHEREAS, Sylvia Cato joined Trinity United Church of Christ in 1978, where she served as a member of the deacon board and

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1 counseling ministries; she loved to travel, sew, read, attend
2 plays and sporting events, and spend time with her family and
3 friends, especially her dog, Sugar Pie; and

4 WHEREAS, Sylvia Cato was preceded in death by her parents;
5 her brother, James McKay Jr.; and her sisters, Lucille Garnett,
6 Ruth Grimsley, Ethelyn Christmas, Virginia DeBerry, and
7 Joceyln McKay Durr; and

8 WHEREAS, Sylvia Cato is survived by her loving husband of
9 64 years, Albert; her daughters, Deborah C. Moore (Kerry),
10 Deidre D. Cato-Baker (Jerome), and Cheryl D. Cato; her
11 granddaughter, Rachel D. Evans; her sisters, State Rep. Monique
12 D. Davis and Constance M. Donnella; and numerous nieces,
13 nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 mourn the passing of Sylvia P. "Patty" Cato, and extend our
17 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
18 and loved her; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Sylvia Cato as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.