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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Martha
4 Rogers, who passed away on June 24, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Martha Rogers was born on October 15, 1929 in St.
6 Francisville, Louisiana; her parents were Mamie and Gordon
7 Blacher; she completed her secondary education at McKinley High
8 School in Baton Rouge; in the late 1940s, she relocated to
9 Chicago, where she met and married her husband, Edward Rogers,
10 Jr.; and

11 WHEREAS, Martha Rogers accepted Christ at an early age and
12 united with Magnolia Baptist Church of St. Francisville,
13 Louisiana; in later years, she relocated to Baton Rouge,
14 Louisiana and became a member of Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church
15 in Scotlandville, Louisiana; she was a member of Lilydale
16 Progressive Missionary Baptist Church over 52 years; she was
17 active and served on such ministries as the Evergreen Club, the
18 Shepard's Ministry, the Mother's Board, and Sunday school; in
19 2013, she was honored with the Pearl Award during Lilydale's
20 centennial celebration; and

21 WHEREAS, Martha Rogers' love of elegance, style, and beauty
22 led her to complete a degree in cosmetology; she went on to

1 become a successful licensed cosmetologist for over 55 years;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Martha Rogers was preceded in death by her
4 husband; 6 brothers, Thomas, Melvin, Joe P., James, Anderson
5 and William (Preacher); and a sister, Lucille Hunter; and

6 WHEREAS, Martha Rogers is survived by a daughter,
7 Jacqueline Tarita Rogers; a son, Edward Duane Rogers; a sister,
8 Malinda Blacher; and many nieces, nephews, cousins,
9 godchildren, extended family members, and friends; therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we, along with her family and friends, mourn the passing of
14 Martha Rogers; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Martha Rogers as an expression of
17 our sympathy.