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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 Earline
4 (nee Colbert) Rivers, who passed away on June 29, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Earline Rivers was born in Chicago on November 7,
6 1940 to John Harry and Gladys Colbert; she graduated from
7 Englewood High School, and attended Northern Illinois
8 University; she married Alvin Donald Rivers in 1965; and

9 WHEREAS, Earline Rivers worked as a pharmaceutical sales
10 representative and later as a real estate agent; she also
11 served as an office manager at her daughter's law firm for 8
12 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Earline Rivers was a member of Trinity United
14 Church of Christ, where she served on the Food Share Ministry;
15 she was an auxiliary board member of the Black Ensemble
16 Theater, where she helped raised funds, coordinate events, and
17 acted as a hostess; she attended several weekly "Silver
18 Sneakers" classes at the YMCA, and worked tirelessly on her
19 daughters's successful campaign for Cook County Circuit Court
20 Judge; and

21 WHEREAS, Earline Rivers had a passion for dance and enjoyed

1 watching "Dancing with the Stars"; she also enjoyed
2 storytelling, gardening, cooking, skiing, camping, bowling,
3 tennis, and many other outdoor activities; she was an active
4 member of the Sno-Gophers Ski Club, serving in several
5 capacities, including President; in 1999, she walked a marathon
6 in Anchorage, Alaska to raise money for Leukemia research; she
7 loved to travel and visited Italy, France, Egypt, Monaco,
8 Switzerland, and Canada; she traveled extensively throughout
9 the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Earline Rivers was preceded in death by her
11 parents, and by her siblings, James Otha McLaughlin, George
12 McLaughlin, and Gladys Eugenia Ward; and

13 WHEREAS, Earline Rivers is survived by her children, Byron
14 (Alena) Rivers and the Honorable Kristal (Harry) Rivers; her
15 grandchildren, Olivia Noelle and Evelyn Rose Rivers; and a host
16 of family and loved ones, including her dearest friend, Sylvia
17 Morris, and her dog, Chewbacca; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we mourn the passing of Earline Rivers, and extend our sincere
21 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
22 her; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Earline Rivers as an expression of
3 our deepest sympathy.