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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 Audria M. Thomas Huntington at the age of 87; and

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WHEREAS, Audria Huntington was born in Bessemer, Alabama on September 15, 1927; she attended Paul Lawrence Dunbar and Pipe Shop elementary schools; she graduated in the top-10 in her class from Arthur Harold Parker Vocational High School in Birmingham, Alabama; she received her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics from Alabama A&M University in Normal, Alabama and her Master of Business Administration from Northern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Audria Huntington began teaching at Marengo High School in Dixon Mills, Alabama and continued in Chicago; she retired from the Chicago Board of Education after 44 years of service; she taught in grades two through college level in such places as Dixons Mills, Alabama, the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA in Atlanta, Georgia, and various Chicago Public Schools; she also taught at the Office of Equal Education Opportunity, the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center School, the Cook County Jail, the Illinois Training Schools for Girls in Geneva, and the First Cataract School in Chicago; and

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1           WHEREAS, Audria Huntington was a Life Member of Alabama A&M  
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3 Congress, the Book Circle, and the Chicago Home Economics Club;  
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5           WHEREAS, Audria Huntington was involved in the 34th State  
6 Legislative District, where she served as chair of the Senior  
7 Advisory Council for State Representative Elgie R. Sims Jr.;  
8 she was active in helping her community for the late Chicago  
9 Mayor Eugene Sawyer and for Chicago Sixth Ward Alderman  
10 Roderick Sawyer; she spearheaded voter registration for the  
11 late Chicago Mayor Harold Washington and former U.S. Senator  
12 Roland Burris; she also helped organize one of the first black  
13 legislative organizations for black educators; and

14           WHEREAS, Audria Huntington was very active in her community  
15 and church organizations; she launched a program designed to  
16 focus on persons with cancer, which provided support through  
17 education, nutrition, and meditation; and

18           WHEREAS, Audria Huntington received numerous awards and  
19 certificates from many civic and educational organizations,  
20 including the American Correctional Association, the College  
21 Park Maryland Illinois Branch, the Governor of Alabama, the  
22 Chicago Department of Aging, Girls and Boys Town, the National  
23 Silver Haired Congress, the World's Who's Who of Women, the

1 International Who's Who of Intellectuals, and the  
2 International Register Profile; and

3 WHEREAS, Audria Huntington is survived by her daughter,  
4 Shirley Thompson, and her sister, Gloria Twine; therefore, be  
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6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 mourn the passing of Audria M. Thomas Huntington, and extend  
9 our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who  
10 knew and loved her; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Audria Huntington as an expression  
13 of our deepest sympathy.