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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 Cherie Geraldine Patterson, who passed away on September 16, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Cherie Patterson was born to Owen J. Sr. and Ruth H. Patterson on February 26, 1928; she attended Chicago Public Schools and loved clothes and sports and was a social butterfly; she was the prom queen of Englewood High School, where she graduated with honors at the age of 16 and enrolled in college the same year; she married James D. Steele and they settled in the Chatham neighborhood; and

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WHEREAS, Cherie Patterson earned a bachelor's degree from Northeastern Illinois University, followed by both a master's degree and a PhD in Public Administration; she was a life-long learner and passed her love of learning to her children and grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Cherie Patterson coached Little League Baseball, chaperoned field trips, drove her children and their friends to countless dance and swimming lessons, and attended PTA meetings; she loved to bowl and passed her love of the game to her children, enrolling them in bowling leagues at a young age; she organized her community around issues, sparking her

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1 interest in politics; and

2 WHEREAS, Cherie Patterson joined Trinity United Church of
3 Christ in January 1987; she was as committed to her church as
4 she was committed to education and her family; she was ordained
5 as a deacon in December 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, After the passing of her first husband, Cherie
7 Patterson married Otis Mitchell, and, for 21 years, they
8 traveled domestically and internationally, golfed, and became
9 snow birds in Florida; and

10 WHEREAS, Cherie Patterson was preceded in death by her
11 first husband, James; her second husband, Otis; her parents;
12 and her siblings, Phyllis Patterson, Ruth Wheatley, Elizabeth
13 Taylor, Norma Sampson, Owen Patterson Jr., and Patricia
14 Patterson; and

15 WHEREAS, Cherie Patterson is survived by her children, John
16 O. (Deborah) Steele Sr. and Diane C. Steele German; eight
17 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great
18 grandchild; her siblings, George (Marie) Wheatley Sr., Erma
19 Godfrey, and Choma (Marvalene) Patterson; and a host of
20 extended family and friends; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we mourn the passing of Cherie Geraldine Patterson and extend
3 our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who
4 knew and loved her; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Cherie Patterson as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.