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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 Arville
4 "Vera" Miles of Chicago, who passed away on January 18, 2020;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Vera Miles was born in West Helena, Arkansas to
7 Angie Hampton-Marshall and Billy Johnson on August 22, 1959;
8 she graduated from Wendell Phillips High School in 1978; she
9 attended nursing school at Automation Academy in 1983 and
10 graduated as a Certified Nursing Assistant; and

11 WHEREAS, Vera Miles worked at Warren Barr Gold Coast Living
12 and Rehabilitation Center as a CNA; she also traveled the U.S.
13 as a salesperson; and

14 WHEREAS, Vera Miles had a passion for helping people; she
15 was involved in several organizations and committees,
16 including the Chicago Housing Authority Tenant Patrol, the
17 Stateway Gardens Local Advisory Council, Mayor Daley's
18 Participant Advisory Council, the Stateway/Park Boulevard
19 Working Group, the Third Ward Tax Increment Financing
20 Committee, the Lugenia Burns Hope Center, the Legal Assistance
21 Foundation Board, the Pace ADA Committee Board, and the Chicago
22 Transit Authority ADA Committee Board; she held several

1 leadership roles, including serving as the CHA Relocation Coach
2 Supervisor in 2001 and as the president of the senior group she
3 helped create in Park Boulevard; she has also received numerous
4 awards; and

5 WHEREAS, Vera Miles played a pivotal role in putting
6 Stateway Gardens back on the map; she, along with the
7 Washington Park Local Advisory Committee President Francine
8 Washington, spoke with John Roberson from Mayor Daley's office
9 in 1998; they advocated for Stateway Gardens as a prime
10 real-estate area, showcasing its access to major transit and
11 other area amenities; and

12 WHEREAS, Vera Miles was committed to her faith from an
13 early age and was a dedicated member of the New Mt. Moriah
14 Baptist Church; and

15 WHEREAS, Vera Miles was preceded in death by her parents;
16 her sister, Gertrude Bailey; and her brother, Ellis Miles; and

17 WHEREAS, Vera Miles is survived by her sons, Jernois
18 Johnson, Michael Miles, Dennis Wright Jr., and Deniro Miles;
19 her godchildren, Tamika Griffin and Keon Gatewood; her
20 stepmother, Jewel Lee Johnson; her sisters Lee "Cookie"
21 Summers, Everlean Banks, Linda Thomas, and Sheila Johnson; her
22 brother-in-law, Broderick Sephus; her God Sister, Patricia

1 Delaney; her brothers, Larnzell Robinson, Robert Johnson, and
2 Kerie Hampton; her favorite aunts, Pearl L. Hampton and
3 Savannah Meeks; and her grandchildren, nieces, nephews,
4 cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we mourn the passing of Arvile "Vera" Miles and extend our
8 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
9 and loved her; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Vera Miles as an expression of our
12 deepest sympathy.