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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 Bobra Jean Walker, who passed away on July 24, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Bobra Walker was born in Chulahoma, Mississippi to Bobbie Ellis Sr. and Mattie Ella Dean Falkner on January 5, 1939; during her childhood, she committed to her faith at an early age and was a member of Mt. Gilead C.M.E. Church in Chulahoma, where she attended Sunday school and was a member of the church choir; she also was a member of the 4-H Club; she received her education through the Marshall County School District and completed her high school education at Mississippi Industrial College in Holly Springs, Mississippi; she married Landon Walker Jr. on February 1, 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Bobra Walker and her family settled in Harvey in 1964 and became members of Christ Temple Baptist Church in Markham; she was a homemaker for the majority of her life but eventually pursued employment at Woolworth, Service Merchandise, and Falkner Bumper; and

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WHEREAS, Bobra Walker was one of her family's historians; she remembered birthdays, anniversaries, family history, and other milestones; she possessed amazing management and

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1 organizational skills; she was a gifted cook and baker and a
2 great hostess; her home was always immaculate, and her kitchen
3 was always open to family and friends, especially during
4 holidays with Christmas being her favorite; she had a "green
5 thumb" that she shared with many, passing on her knowledge for
6 growing her beautiful annual flowers, her house plants, or
7 vegetable gardens; and

8 WHEREAS, Bobra Walker was a sports enthusiast, especially
9 when it came to baseball and football; she was proud of her
10 family and their accomplishments, especially in education; she
11 cherished her family deeply and enjoyed spending time with her
12 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; she exuded
13 grace, sophistication, class, and style; she loved life and was
14 a generous, devoted, and caring individual; and

15 WHEREAS, Bobra Walker was preceded in death by her parents;
16 her sister, Gladys Young; and her brothers, Edgar, Bobbie Jr.,
17 Moses, and Larry Falkner Sr.; and

18 WHEREAS, Bobra Walker is survived by her husband of 61
19 years, Landon; her children, Brenda Mason (David), Ricky
20 Walker, Perry Walker (Iris), Kerry L. Walker (Andria), and
21 Kanefus Walker; her siblings, Mattie Walker, Urma Walker
22 (McEwen), Ella Washington, Wheelock Patrick, Kent Falkner
23 (Jackie), and Sarah Summerville; her brother-in-law and

1 sisters-in-law, Azelle Alexander, Mary Falkner, Deborah
2 (Orita) Walker, and Eldridge Walker; her grandchildren,
3 DeLandon Mason (Carmen), Ricky D. Walker, Ameythyst Smith
4 (Kyle), DeResha Browne, Samuel Jackson, Eric Hooks
5 (Christina), DeVonn Walker, Amber Mason, Kerry T. Walker,
6 Chanelle Randell (Brandon), Marcellus Walker, and Perry Sibby;
7 her great-grandchildren, Kristion, Unique, Camryn, Kai,
8 Anthony, Wynton, Hannah, Ryan, Kourtney, Nicholas, Ca'Lia,
9 Braeden, Darrell, Lily, Ker'ron, Evan, Mykel, Myles, Makenzie,
10 Kyrie, and Kymir; her special cousins, Beatrice Miller-Peete
11 and Bobbie Moton; her special friends, Francis and Sherry
12 Harvey; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other
13 relatives, and friends; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn the passing of Bobra Jean Walker and extend our
17 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
18 and loved her; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Bobra Walker as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.