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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 Eula B.
4 Conyears, who passed away on January 3, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Eula Conyears was born in Marianna, Arkansas to
6 Pastor Silas and Everlina Rupert on January 28, 1949; she
7 attended Brickeys Junior High School and Anna Strong High
8 School in Marianna, Arkansas; she married James Henry Conyears
9 Jr. in Brickeys, Arkansas in 1964, and he preceded her in
10 death; together, they moved to Chicago in August 1964; she
11 earned a license in cosmetology from Kennedy King College, an
12 associate's degree from Wright College, and a bachelor's degree
13 from Northeastern Illinois University; and

14 WHEREAS, Eula Conyears worked at Kerr Glass Company from
15 1970 to 1994; while there, she was actively involved with the
16 United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America Union
17 (UE), where she served as a union trustee from 1988 to 1990 and
18 union steward from 1990 to 1994; after the abrupt relocation of
19 Kerr Glass Company to another state in 1995, she worked at the
20 family business, Rupert's Restaurant; she then worked in the
21 Accounting Department of FedEx from 1995 to 2010; and

22 WHEREAS, Eula Conyears committed to her faith at an early

1 age; she was baptized under the leadership of her father at
2 Shady Grove Baptist Church in Marianna, Arkansas; she later
3 joined the Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Chicago, where she
4 served as a member of the Usher Board, the president of the
5 Gospel Chorus, and a member of the mid-day bible class; she was
6 known to be one of the top fundraisers for the church; she was
7 crowned Mrs. Mt. Vernon during the 1990s; she coordinated many
8 of the church's various trips, which included destinations as
9 close as Arcola and as far as Hot Springs, Arkansas and Hawaii;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Eula Conyears was known as a bible scholar, prayer
12 warrior, and confidante; she loved her family; she became the
13 coordinator of the annual Rupert family reunion in 2003; she
14 was the family road driver, driving cross country for up to 20
15 hours; during her retirement, she enjoyed going to lunch and
16 watching movies with friends; she was supportive of everyone,
17 and her presence was often seen on Facebook while providing
18 encouragement to preachers, family, and friends; she will be
19 missed; and

20 WHEREAS, Eula Conyears was preceded in death by her
21 husband, her parents, and her siblings, Edna Mae, Silas Jr.,
22 Beatrice, Idella, John, and Willie; and

23 WHEREAS, Eula Conyears is survived by her daughters, Lisa

1 Conyears, Doris Conyears, and Melissa Conyears-Ervin (Jason);
2 her grandchildren, Shaquille Lakeith Cockrell, Shawn Coburn,
3 Jr., Shamar Silas Coburn, and Jeneva Claudette Ervin; her
4 great-grandchild, Malcolm Messiah Cockrell; her sisters,
5 Maggie Williams, Ethel Brooks, Dovie Randle, and Doris Rupert;
6 her brother, Clarence (Judy) Rupert; all of her nieces and
7 nephews; her very special friends from Kerr Glass Company, Edna
8 Weatherspoon and Kathleen Ardson; her prayer partner, John
9 Taylor; and her friends; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we mourn the passing of Eula B. Conyears and extend our sincere
13 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
14 her; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Eula Conyears as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.