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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 Marcia  
4 Robinson Blair of Chicago, who passed away on March 10, 2021;  
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6           WHEREAS, Marcia Blair was born in Chicago to Roosevelt and  
7 Frances Robinson on October 7, 1947; she grew up on the south  
8 side of Chicago, where she attended Doolittle Elementary  
9 School and later graduated from Harlan High School; she  
10 attended Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, Texas, where  
11 she was initiated into the Beta Kappa chapter of Alpha Kappa  
12 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated in 1968; she married Frank L.  
13 Blair Jr. on October 5, 1968; she earned her Bachelor of Arts  
14 in Education in 1969; alongside her husband, she settled in  
15 Chicago after graduation; they had one child, Marla, in 1971;  
16 she later earned a master's degree from Governors State  
17 University; and

18           WHEREAS, A talented educator, Marcia Blair served in the  
19 Chicago Public School system for over 35 years; she worked at  
20 several schools, including Dunne Elementary School and Robert  
21 Healy Elementary School; she retired from Robert A. Black  
22 Magnet Elementary School in 2005; and

1           WHEREAS, Marcia Blair was a lifetime member of Alpha Kappa  
2 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; she was a longtime member of the  
3 Theta Omega chapter in Chicago; she celebrated 50 years as a  
4 Golden Soror in 2018; she was committed to the sorority's  
5 sisterhood and scholarship; she was proud to have a continued  
6 family legacy of sisterhood and service with her daughter,  
7 sisters, and several nieces also initiated into the sorority;  
8 she worked together with her daughter in the sorority, and  
9 they enjoyed spending this time together; and

10           WHEREAS, Marcia Blair was committed to her faith and was  
11 baptized as a child at Gammon United Methodist Church; she was  
12 a member of the South Shore United Methodist Church, where she  
13 served as a member of the United Methodist Women, the Pastor  
14 Parish Relations Committee, the October Birthday Club, and the  
15 Women's Day Chorus; she also enjoyed organizing social outings  
16 with church members, which included many plays, musicals, and  
17 good conversations; and

18           WHEREAS, Marcia Blair was affectionately known as "Dottie"  
19 to family and friends and "Nana" to her grandchildren; she  
20 found great joy in traveling with her extended family in her  
21 retirement; she took annual vacations with Marla and Zion, and  
22 they most recently visited Havana, Cuba; and

23           WHEREAS, Marcia Blair was preceded in death by her

1 husband, Frank; her parents; and her siblings, Margell,  
2 Lamont, Deborah, and Lawrence; and

3 WHEREAS, Marcia Blair is survived by her daughter, Marla  
4 Blair-Hohenkirk (David); her grandsons, Zion and Xavier; her  
5 sisters, Mary Hughes and Delores Jackson (Robert); her  
6 sisters-in-law, Mary Robinson and Cynthia Ann Blair Ricks;  
7 generations of nieces and nephews; a host of cousins; and many  
8 lifelong and recent friends; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we mourn the passing of Marcia Robinson Blair and extend our  
12 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
13 and loved her; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Marcia Blair as an expression of our  
16 deepest sympathy.