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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 Sherlynn
4 Dudley Reid, who passed away on March 10, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Sherlynn Dudley Reid was born in Pittsburgh,
6 Pennsylvania to Franklin and Mary (Goode) Dudley on November
7 4, 1933; she graduated from Shenley High School and, as a
8 teenager, had a radio show and was known as "Little Dee"; she
9 also worked in her uncle's pharmacy; she studied arts and
10 drama at Fisk University; she married Henry Reid, and they
11 lived in Cleveland, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan before settling
12 in Oak Park; and

13 WHEREAS, Sherlynn Dudley Reid was very invested in serving
14 her community; she was involved with the PTO at Beye
15 Elementary School and the League of Woman Voters, later
16 becoming the first African American president of the
17 organization; she became involved with the Human Relations
18 Commission in the early 1970s and later became the Director of
19 Community Relations for the Village of Oak Park, a position
20 she held for more than 25 years, retiring in 1999; she was
21 inducted into the Village of Oak Park Hall of Fame; and

22 WHEREAS, Sherlynn Dudley Reid was a long-time member of

1 the First United Church of Oak Park and a long-time member and
2 past president of the 19th Century Charitable Association; she
3 was a charter member of the West Towns Chapter of The LINKS,
4 Inc. and remained an active member of the Fisk Alumni
5 Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Sherlynn Dudley Reid was the recipient of
7 numerous awards for her service; after the death of her
8 husband, she worked with CAST to establish the Henry E. Reid
9 Memorial Scholarship Fund and worked diligently to raise funds
10 to help provide scholarships to hundreds of students, which
11 enabled them to participate in CAST; and

12 WHEREAS, Sherlynn Dudley Reid was preceded in death by her
13 parents and her siblings, Yvonne Pennington and Sherwood and
14 Franklin Dudley; and

15 WHEREAS, Sherlynn Dudley Reid is survived by her daughters
16 Mary, Dorothy, and Lorie (Cederick) Fuller; her grandsons,
17 Henry Ryan Reid and Connor and Isaiah Fuller; and many nieces
18 and nephews, cousins, and dear friends; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we mourn the passing of Sherlynn Dudley Reid and extend our
22 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew

1 and loved her; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Sherlynn Dudley Reid as an
4 expression of our deepest sympathy.