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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 Marion Browe Keller, who passed away on August 1, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Marion Keller was born to James Browe and Celestine Jones Sullivan in New Orleans, Louisiana on October 14, 1930; as a young girl, she worked at a dry cleaners where her love of sewing grew; she married Herbert Keller Sr. and relocated to Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Marion Keller was a stay-at-home mom who doted on her children and was filled with pride for their accomplishments; she was a loving disciplinarian and taught her children many valuable lessons, including to respect their elders and teachers, to be kind, and to judge people by their character; and

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WHEREAS, Marion Keller was a master seamstress who could construct special occasion garments from a mere picture; her skill was unmatched, and her reputation was known throughout the Chicagoland area; in her later years, she began to contribute her skills in costume design, construction, and alterations to dance ministries, churches, Endure charities, and the Chicago Bulls; she loved shopping, especially at her

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1 favorite stores, which included JoAnn Fabrics, Sears, The
2 Dollar Store, Aldi, and K-Mart; she was an entrepreneur and
3 master saver, always pinching pennies for a rainy day; she was
4 a domestic chef who could create an amazing meal with three
5 ingredients or less; she was especially known for her gumbo
6 and pralines for special occasions; her favorite holiday was
7 Christmas, and she prepared for it all year long; and

8 WHEREAS, Marion Keller was preceded in death by her
9 parents; her stepfather, Joseph "Papa" Chambers; and Louis
10 Whitfield Sullivan II, Johnny John Sullivan, Dione Keller
11 (daughter), Rev. Ira Harper (fiance), Herbert Keller Sr.,
12 Stella Joseph; and Lucy Sullivan Louis; and

13 WHEREAS, Marion Keller is survived by her sister, Cora
14 Kelly; her children, James Keller Sr., Herbert Keller Jr.
15 (Debra), Steven Keller, Maria Keller-Bell, Tony Keller
16 (Valerie), Norman Keller, and Kim Keller Tyler; her
17 grandchildren, Aisha Keller-Moore, Tremaine Keller (Katrina),
18 Crystal Joseph-Stark (James), James Keller Jr., Tiffany Bell,
19 Pierre Bell (Breanna), Christopher Keller, Kendall Keller,
20 Tarik Garrett, Anthony Keller, Briana Keller, Chloe Keller,
21 Madison Toni Tyler, Terrance Steven Keller, and Jerry Keller;
22 her great-grandchildren, Amaiya Bell, Tia Jones, Johan Stark,
23 Violet Bell, Lynisha Moore, Lyneice Moore, Kennedi Keller,
24 Legend Bell, Samaria Keller, Jaideyn Keller, and Jeanae

1 Keller; her nieces and nephews; and her cousins; therefore, be
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3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we mourn the passing of Marion Browe Keller and extend our
6 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
7 and loved her; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Marion Keller as an expression of
10 our deepest sympathy.