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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 Josie  
4 Mae Smith, who passed away on October 25, 2021; and

5           WHEREAS, Josie Smith was born to Joseph and Lula Bell  
6 Williams in Dancy, Alabama on June 24, 1925; she was raised in  
7 Aliceville, Alabama; she married Hayes Smith Sr. in Alabama on  
8 June 25, 1943, and they had 11 children; she moved to Chicago  
9 in November 1948; and

10           WHEREAS, Josie Smith was employed at Olivet Community  
11 Center for over 25 years; and

12           WHEREAS, Josie Smith committed to her faith at an early  
13 age in Alabama and joined the Cannon Baptist Church; after she  
14 moved to Chicago, she joined the Union Missionary Baptist  
15 Church, where she continued to be a member until her passing;  
16 she served on the Nurses' Board in 1975 and remained faithful  
17 to the Nurses' Board Ministry for 46 years; she was appointed  
18 to the Mothers' Board as the second oldest mother of the church  
19 in June 2021; and

20           WHEREAS, Josie Smith was known to many as "Ms. Union" due  
21 to her pleasingly graceful, stylish appearance and manner; she

1 always loved modeling at church events; she also loved  
2 traveling and all types of crafting; and

3 WHEREAS, Josie Smith was preceded in death by her husband;  
4 her sons, Sammie Sr., Michael, Hayes Smith Jr., Dale Knox, and  
5 Willie Davis Smith; her daughter, Hattie Mae; her parents; her  
6 brothers, Ben, Joseph, Willie Earl, and John; her sisters,  
7 Anne Mae, Myra, Laura, Lartha, and Willie Mae; and

8 WHEREAS, Josie Smith is survived by her children, Alonzo  
9 (Doris), Harvey (Pamela), Anthony (Kathy), Denver, Derrick,  
10 Norma Jean, Shirley (Preston), and Michelle; her sister,  
11 Martha Williams; her daughters-in-law, Viola and Colette; her  
12 47 grandchildren; her 89 great-grandchildren; her 35  
13 great-great-grandchildren; her goddaughters, Linda Moore and  
14 Sadie Alexander; and her one godson; therefore, be it

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

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Josie Smith as an expression of our  
22 deepest sympathy.