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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 Barbara
4 Jean Tatum, who passed away on June 8, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Barbara Tatum was born to Willie L. Lee Sr. and
6 Vinney Gillespie Lee in Meridian, Mississippi on November 16,
7 1938; she attended Dunbar High School, Wilson Junior College,
8 Roosevelt University, and Trinity College and Seminary; she
9 married Reverend B.J. Tatum Sr.; and

10 WHEREAS, Barbara Tatum worked as a legal secretary in the
11 federal government and an administrative secretary to the
12 former Mayor of Urbana; she served as the director of
13 Christian Education and the administrative secretary at Canaan
14 Baptist Church; she also wrote the weekly religious column
15 Reflections in The Woodlawn Observer, a community-based
16 newspaper; and

17 WHEREAS, Barbara Tatum held a number of responsibilities
18 in her role as director of Christian Education at Canaan
19 Baptist Church; alongside her husband, she taught classes and
20 seminars on relationships; she taught teacher training
21 classes, training classes on discipleship follow-up for
22 P.A.C.E. (People Available to Encourage), child evangelism, a

1 Sunday school teacher's class on methods and relevancy, a
2 discipleship class on interpersonal relationships, and a
3 Sunday morning women's discipleship class; she conducted
4 seminars and workshops for women on spiritual growth and faith
5 education, and she addressed women's groups in various cities
6 of the United States as well as in Athens and Crete, Greece;
7 she and her husband were facilitators at marriage retreats at
8 various churches throughout the United States, and they also
9 attended a mission trip to Beijing and Hong Kong; she was also
10 director of the Amazing Women Ministry, God's Gems Mosaic, and
11 the Children's Ministry; and

12 WHEREAS, Barbara Tatum served as president of the Women's
13 Department of the Progressive Baptist District Association of
14 Chicago and Vicinity; she served on the board of directors of
15 the American Cancer Society, the Canaan Development
16 Foundation, and the Canaan Credit Union; and

17 WHEREAS, Barbara Tatum was preceded in death by her
18 parents; her daughter, Pamela Jean Tatum; and her siblings,
19 Willie L. Lee Jr., Rosie Mae Johnson, Nathan Henry Lee, John
20 Arnold Lee, and Robert Earl Lee; and

21 WHEREAS, Barbara Tatum is survived by her husband; her
22 daughters, Yolanda Tatum-Brown and Stephanie Lynne Tatum; her
23 son, Bryant Jay (Jennifer) Tatum; her grandsons, Everett,

1 Supreme, Bryson, Jordan, and Ishine; her sister, Beverly
2 Moore; and a host of other relatives and special friends;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we mourn the passing of Barbara Jean Tatum and extend our
7 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
8 and loved her; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Barbara Tatum as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.