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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Mamie Till-Mobley was a courageous and powerful  
3 civil rights activist whose tragic loss of her son, Emmett  
4 Till, to racial violence in 1955 became a turning point for the  
5 civil rights movement; and

6           WHEREAS, Despite her unimaginable grief, Mamie Till-Mobley  
7 refused to remain silent, insisting on an open casket funeral  
8 for her son so the world could see the brutality of racism and  
9 the violence it could provoke; and

10           WHEREAS, Through her brave act of speaking out against the  
11 brutal lynching of her son, Mamie Till-Mobley exposed the  
12 violence and racism of the Jim Crow era; and

13           WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Mamie Till-Mobley continued  
14 to advocate for justice, working tirelessly to expose the  
15 evils of racism and to promote equality and fairness for all  
16 people; and

17           WHEREAS, Mamie Till-Mobley's legacy lives on today through  
18 the continued struggle for civil rights and social justice;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, Mamie Till-Mobley was a remarkable woman, and it

1 is important to honor her memory and to recognize the  
2 contributions she made to our nation and to the world; and

3 WHEREAS, On April 28, 2023, Mamie Till-Mobley and her son,  
4 Emmett Till, were honored at her alma mater, Argo Community  
5 High School, with the unveiling of the Mamie Till-Mobley and  
6 Emmett Till Memorial Walkway in Summit; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we recognize the invaluable contributions of Mamie Till-Mobley  
10 to the cause of civil rights and social justice, and we honor  
11 her memory and legacy as a powerful force for positive change;  
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we pledge to continue Mamie Till-Mobley's  
14 work by standing against racism and prejudice and by working  
15 tirelessly to promote a more just and equitable society for  
16 all; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
18 presented to the Mamie Till Mobley Memorial Foundation and  
19 Argo Community High School as a symbol of our respect and  
20 esteem.