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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 Ann  
4 Lowery Lightfoot of Massillon, Ohio, who passed away on  
5 February 20, 2024; and

6           WHEREAS, Ann Lightfoot was born to Verdi Lowery and Annie  
7 Ruth Davis Lowery in Luverne, Alabama on September 6, 1928;  
8 moving to Ohio as part of the Great Migration, she graduated  
9 from Uhrichsville High School in 1946; she took postgraduate  
10 classes at Massillon Washington High School in 1949; she  
11 married Elijah Lightfoot on November 5, 1949; and

12           WHEREAS, Ann Lightfoot worked as a nurse's aide and care  
13 worker in various healthcare settings for most of her career;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Ann Lightfoot was a devoted and active member of  
16 St. James AME Zion Church in Massillon, where she served as a  
17 deaconess, on the Missionary Society, and as a class leader,  
18 among many other roles; she served in various volunteer,  
19 appointed, and elected roles in her community, including as a  
20 longtime member of the Massillon Board of Education; she was  
21 an advocate for the educational needs of her children and  
22 Massillon families; and

1           WHEREAS, Ann Lightfoot enjoyed cooking big family meals,  
2           serving at church, watching Massillon Tiger football games,  
3           and spending time with her grandchildren and  
4           great-grandchildren; she was a fan of the Cleveland Cavaliers;  
5           and

6           WHEREAS, Ann Lightfoot was a devoted spouse, mother, and  
7           friend and a woman of deep faith; she knew the value of hard  
8           work, determination, and perseverance; she cared passionately  
9           about her family, friends, and her community; and

10           WHEREAS, Ann Lightfoot was preceded in death by her  
11           husband of more than 60 years, Elijah Lightfoot; her oldest  
12           son, Derrick E. Lightfoot; her sisters, Marie Jackson, Cumi  
13           Harris, and Mae Pearl Crable; her brother, Abraham Lowery; her  
14           brothers-in-law, Raleigh Lightfoot and Harrison "Sonny"  
15           Phillips; and other family members; and

16           WHEREAS, Ann Lightfoot is survived by her children, Angela  
17           Holdren, Brian P. Lightfoot, Lori E. (Amy Eshleman) Lightfoot,  
18           and Stacey L. (Tracy Smith) Smith; her sisters, Katie Gamble,  
19           Minnie (Bill Washington) Washington, and Hilda Lowery; her  
20           brother-in-law, Charles Long; and many grandchildren,  
21           great-grandchildren, extended family members, and friends;  
22           therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we mourn the passing of Ann Lowery Lightfoot and extend our  
4 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
5 and loved her; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Ann Lightfoot as an expression of  
8 our deepest sympathy.