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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Arnita Marie Robinson on Thursday, June 29, 2006; and

WHEREAS, She was born on March 20, 1916, in Alabama to Isaiah and Dora Williams; she was the third child of eight siblings, and she attended area schools in her hometown; and

WHEREAS, In 1931, she was united in holy matrimony to Ira Robinson in Alabama; they were happily married for 37 years before Ira preceded her in death on January 13, 1968; they were blessed with thirteen children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Robinson attended Traveler's Rest Baptist Church in Altheimer, Arkansas, for many years until she relocated to Chicago in 1987, where she continued her Christian fellowship at Greater Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately called "Aunt Rea", Mrs. Robinson impacted the lives of countless people with her southern hospitality and warm and gentle spirit; she had the unique ability to memorize birthdays, names, and events; her greatest passion was that of her children, grandchildren, and family; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Isaiah and Dora Williams; her eight siblings; and her son, Excel Robinson; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Arnita Marie Robinson has been deeply felt by many, especially her daughters, Erlean Robinson, Maggie Sherrod (John O.), Arnita Davis (Clint), Helen Wyatt, Marie Lyons (James), and Alberteen Dukes (Willie C.); her sons,

1 Ira Robertson (Ethel B.), Ira Robinson, Willie Lee Robinson  
2 (Billie), Leon Robinson (Helen), George Robinson, and Larry  
3 Robinson (Anita); her nieces and great-nieces; her nephews and  
4 great-nephews; her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and  
5 great-great-grandchildren; her cousins; and her many other  
6 relatives and friends; therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we mourn the passing of Arnita Marie Robinson, and we extend  
10 our deepest sympathy to her family, her friends, and all who  
11 knew and loved her; and be it further

12       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to her family as an expression of our sincerest  
14 condolences.