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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 Christel
4 N. Clemmons-Butler, who passed away on July 31, 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, Christel Clemmons-Butler was born on January 16,
6 1939, in Chicago; her parents were Christopher and Flora Mae
7 (Hayes) Cross; and

8 WHEREAS, Christel Clemmons-Butler was christened at Church
9 of the Good Shepherd; she attended Colman Elementary School, Du
10 Sable High School, Loyola University's Water Tower Campus, and
11 Midwestern Broadcasting School; and

12 WHEREAS, After working at Michael Reese Hospital and Delta
13 Airlines, Christel Clemmons-Butler spent 34 proud years at
14 United Airlines before her retirement in 2001; she also worked
15 as an employment and consumer affairs representative, appeared
16 in United Airlines industrial videos, and was a co-recipient of
17 a Human Resources Division MVP award for establishing the first
18 Welfare-to-Work Program in the country; she served as a
19 consultant to the Small Business Administration for that
20 program; and

21 WHEREAS, Christel Clemmons-Butler spent 31 years as an

1 Illinois State Real Estate Sales and Referral Counselor and
2 held an FCC Radio Broadcasting and Operator License in
3 Illinois; she was also affiliated with the National Association
4 of Realtors, the Board of Directors of Hope Community Service
5 in Markham, and Jus' Friends; while living in Las Vegas, Chris
6 served on the Boards of Directors of, and served as an officer
7 for, AARP NW Chapter #4395 and the Clark County Urban League
8 Guild; she was also a member of the Chicago Connection, Las
9 Vegas Drifters, Inc., Las Vegas Jazz Society, NAACP, and Pokeno
10 "9"; and

11 WHEREAS, Christel Clemmons-Butler loved to travel; she
12 volunteered her time to a plethora of organizations and still
13 found time to show off her beautiful smile and inimitable style
14 through her modeling in fashion shows; and

15 WHEREAS, Christel Clemmons-Butler was preceded in death by
16 her children, Gregory and Geoffrey; Kenneth Butler; her first
17 husband, Vincent B. Clemmons; and her second husband, Frank L.
18 Butler; and

19 WHEREAS, Christel Clemmons-Butler is survived by her
20 children, Brent H. Clemmons (Cathy), Frank Butler, Ronald
21 (Peggy), Rochelle Butler-Nelson (James), Paul (Diane), Milton
22 Craig, Keith (Phyllis), Kathleen Butler-Walker (Gil), Kevin
23 (Anita), and Regina Butler-Smith (Phil); her numerous

1 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and her many cousins
2 and friends; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of
6 Christel N. Clemmons-Butler; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Christel Clemmons-Butler as an
9 expression of our sympathy.