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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Pearl Lucrecia McCoy, "Mama Pearl", was born in
3 Lake Village, Arkansas on January 23, 1912; and

4 WHEREAS, She received her lower and middle grade education
5 in Lake Village, Arkansas, and attended Sipio Jones High School
6 and Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas; and

7 WHEREAS, She was teaching other children by the age of 23;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, She married Fred Mason on August 23, 1933, and
10 they were married 53 years; this union was blessed with 8
11 children, Freddie Mae, Ozell, Joyce, Carol, Perry, Veda,
12 Cynthia, and Joni; and

13 WHEREAS, She belonged to St. Matthews Parish, where her
14 youngest 2 children attended grade school; she annually
15 volunteered at the St. Matthews School fundraiser as well as
16 St. Francis Cabrini Schools; and

17 WHEREAS, She played Bingo weekly at St. Francis Cabrini
18 where her second eldest child, Ozell, was school principal for
19 many years; and

1 WHEREAS, Her relationship working with noted interior
2 designers and producing exquisitely detailed productions of
3 their designs garnered the attention of one of Chicago's
4 leading newspapers; she was a production supervisor for P. J.
5 Gould and Flexi Mat Corporations until her retirement at 65
6 years of age; at that time, she was the only Black female
7 production supervisor in the pillow and bedding industry; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2008, at age 96, she and her 92 year old
9 brother, Isaac, volunteered at the Michigan City, Indiana,
10 Barack Obama Campaign Headquarters; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Pearl McCoy on her 100th birthday and
14 affectionately declare the last century the Century of Pearl
15 Mason; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Pearl McCoy as a symbol of our respect and esteem.