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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 Martha  
4 Ann Burns; and

5           WHEREAS, Martha Burns was born in Chicago, on January 22,  
6 1941; her parents were Anna Lou and John Doyle; and

7           WHEREAS, Martha Burns was raised on the West Side of  
8 Chicago in the Robert Brooks Housing Projects; she attended St.  
9 Joseph Mission and School; she was baptized at St. Joseph  
10 Mission in 1947 and she was confirmed at Holy Family Church in  
11 1949; and

12           WHEREAS, Martha Burns was employed at an ice-cream cone  
13 making factory and worked as a clerk at Spiegel's before  
14 beginning a 36-year career with the United States Postal  
15 Service; she began her career at the USPS as a temp during  
16 Christmas time; when her outstanding job performance was duly  
17 noted by her supervisor, she began working at the post office  
18 full-time; and

19           WHEREAS, Martha Burns enjoyed reading, the arts, poetry,  
20 plays, museums, the opera, historic places, artifacts,  
21 dancing, listening to music, and sports of all kinds,

1 especially bowling, basketball, and tennis; she also won many  
2 tournaments in the semi-pro bowling circuit during the 1970s  
3 and 1980s and was named the Sun-Times Semi-Pro Bowler of the  
4 Year twice; and

5 WHEREAS, Martha Burns was a member of numerous  
6 organizations that promoted helping disenfranchised persons,  
7 especially those with children; she was also a staunch believer  
8 in supporting black owned businesses; and

9 WHEREAS, Martha Burns was preceded in death by her parents;  
10 her husband, Wallace (BeBe) Burns; and her brothers, Ronald and  
11 Donald; and

12 WHEREAS, Martha Burns is survived by her children, Paul  
13 (Lisa) Sidney, Steven (Veronica) Sidney, Marcella  
14 Wuertenberger, and Angela and Sharron Brandon; her  
15 grandchildren, Nolen (Aisha) Davis, Kelsey, Maxwell, Andrew,  
16 Hallie Sidney, Ronel (Vanessa) Correia, Steven II and Octavia  
17 Sidney, Elona Rios, Darrell Prouty, George Galloway, and Savion  
18 Johnson; her 12 great-grandchildren; her siblings, Leona  
19 Doyle, Lucius (Vernia) Doyle, and Kenneth (Merle) Doyle; her  
20 sisters by proxy, Joanne Jacobson, Annette (Roy) Shabazz, and  
21 Marion Woodberry; her brothers by proxy, Jerome Gray and John  
22 and Perry King; her sisters-in-law, Arme Doyle and Lenora  
23 Doyle; her brother-in-law, George (Joan) Floyd; her 'son cross

1 the street', Eugene McCoy; and her many nephews, nieces, other  
2 relatives, friends, and acquaintances; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of  
6 Martha Ann Burns; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Martha Burns as an expression of our  
9 sympathy.