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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Representative Monique D. Davis and the Illinois House of Representatives are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Ora A. Higgins, who passed away on July 25, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Ora Higgins was born in Birmingham, Alabama on September 24, 1910; and

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WHEREAS, Ora Higgins was the first African American personnel director for Spiegel's Inc. and served as a teacher for 31 years at Dunbar Vocational Evening School; and

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WHEREAS, Ora Higgins was the founder of the Ora Higgins Youth Foundation; she celebrated her 101st birthday at the 35th anniversary of the Ora Higgins Youth Scholarship Awards Dinner on October 8, 2011, at the Sabre Room in Hickory Hills; her foundation has awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships to high school graduates throughout the Chicago area; and

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WHEREAS, Ora Higgins was the great-great aunt of First Lady Michelle Obama; and

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WHEREAS, Ora Higgins is survived by her two children, Dr. Murrell Higgins Duster and Rev. William "Chico" Higgins; her 13 grandchildren; her 26 great-grandchildren; and her 3

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1 great-great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we mourn the passing of Ora Higgins, and we extend our sincere
5 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
6 her; and be it further

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