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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 Earlean  
4 Lindsey of Chicago, who passed away on January 8, 2014; and

5           WHEREAS, Earlean Lindsey was born on August 4, 1925 in  
6 Sawyerville, Alabama to Willie "Bo" and Ethel Taylor; she spent  
7 her early years in rural Alabama and moved to Chicago in 1946;  
8 she married Bernard Lindsey in 1952; following his passing in  
9 1981, she married Robert Calhoun; and

10           WHEREAS, Earlean Lindsey's early jobs were in the domestic  
11 and restaurant industry, but in 1959 she moved to the Westside  
12 of Chicago and began a career as a community organizer; she was  
13 one of the founders of the Westside Association for Community  
14 Action, where she was elected President for life; she was a  
15 founder and board member emeritus for the Center for New  
16 Horizons, an original member of the University of Illinois  
17 Urban Health Program Advisory Council, founding member of the  
18 University of Illinois Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center's  
19 Community Advisory Council, former President of the Heritage  
20 Manor, and a founding member of the Chicago Commons  
21 Association's Jackie Robinson House; and

22           WHEREAS, Earlean Lindsey was a strong advocate for

1 education; she was active with Malcolm X College in its early  
2 years and was a former member of Chicago Public School District  
3 9's local school council; she was a past board member of the  
4 Corporate Community Schools of America; and

5 WHEREAS, Earlean Lindsey was also passionate about  
6 healthcare; she was one of the pioneers in the advent of  
7 Community Health Centers and served on a committee for  
8 President John F. Kennedy's Commission on Community Mental  
9 Health Centers; during the 1960s and 1970s she gave workshops  
10 and seminars on community health and organizing across the  
11 United States and abroad, and she was one of the first  
12 Presidents of the National Association of Community Health  
13 Centers; she was an original member of the Mile Square  
14 Federation and one of the founders of the Mile Square Health  
15 Center; and

16 WHEREAS, Earlean Lindsey received numerous awards and  
17 recognitions for her community service and leadership; most  
18 notably, she was recognized in the United States House of  
19 Representatives for her community service in 1998, and the City  
20 of Chicago dedicated the street corner of Damen and Washington  
21 as "Mrs. Lindsey Drive" in her honor; and

22 WHEREAS, Earlean Lindsey was a member of Pilgrim Rest  
23 Missionary Baptist Church on the Westside of Chicago for 55

1 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Earlean Lindsey was preceded in death by her  
3 parents; her step-mother, Vileter Taylor; her children, Earl,  
4 Ethel, Donald, and Michael; her grandchild, Cletus; her  
5 step-child, Bernard, Jr.; her brothers, Frank, Robert, Jacob,  
6 Richard, Curtis, Carlton, R.L., Joseph, and Edward; and her  
7 first and second husbands Bernard and Robert; and

8 WHEREAS, Earlean Lindsey is survived by her daughters,  
9 Janice, Pamela, and Patricia (Leroy); her sons, Leroy, Garnell,  
10 and Marvin (Beverly); her Godson, Johnny Brown; her brothers,  
11 Willie, Jimmie (Hazel), James, Luke (Mary), and Henry (Mamie);  
12 her sisters, Annie Pearl (Joe Lee) and Leslie; her 20  
13 grandchildren; her dozens of great-grandchildren and  
14 great-great-grandchildren; and countless nieces, nephews, and  
15 friends; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we mourn the passing of Earlean Lindsey, and extend our sincere  
19 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
20 her; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to Earlean Lindsey as an expression of our deepest

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