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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 Jossie
4 Pearl Johnson Wilson, who passed away on March 10, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Jossie Johnson Wilson was born on August 24, 1947
6 in Lambert, Mississippi; her parents were Osa and Marie (nee
7 Stewart) Jones; and

8 WHEREAS, After completing her early primary education in
9 Lambert, Mississippi, Jossie Johnson Wilson moved to Robbins in
10 1961 to live with her aunt, Bernice Barnes, who raised her as
11 one of her own; she subsequently graduated from Dwight
12 Eisenhower High School in 1965 and matriculated at the Worsham
13 School of Mortuary Science before earning her Bachelor of Arts
14 Degree at Governor's State University; she was inducted into
15 the National Honor Society while in high school and was honored
16 by Who's Who Among American Students in American Colleges and
17 Universities for her scholastic ability and campus leadership;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, In 1971, Jossie Johnson Wilson joined the United
20 States Postal Service as a Mail Handler at the Chicago Bulk
21 Mail Center in Forest Park; she was subsequently promoted to
22 the position of Clerk at the Postal Facility in Bedford Park

1 before returning to Forest Park, where she served as the
2 accounting clerk for 5 years; from 1979 to 1986, she served the
3 Postal Service as the Supervisor of Mails in Forest Park; she
4 was later promoted to various leadership positions within the
5 Postal Service, including Material Management Specialist,
6 Labor Relations Assistant, and Manager of Mail Processing; in
7 1993, she returned to her beloved Village of Robbins as
8 Postmaster, where she spent the last decade of her 32-year
9 career with the United States Postal Service; and

10 WHEREAS, Jossie Johnson Wilson was a faithful member of New
11 Friendship Missionary Baptist Church for almost 4 decades; she
12 served as a member of the Senior Choir, the Willing Workers,
13 and Sunday school teacher; after retiring to Jacksonville,
14 Florida, she continued in fellowship and service to her God at
15 the Philip R. Cousins African Methodist Episcopal Church, where
16 she was pastored by the Rev. Eugene E. Moseley, Jr.; while
17 there, she grew increasingly active as a member of the Senior
18 Choir and as a leader in the Women's Ministry; and

19 WHEREAS, Jossie Johnson Wilson was preceded in death by her
20 daughter, Tanya Johnson Neal; her granddaughter, Jasmyne
21 Shepard; and her sisters, Marie Jelks and Eunice Jones; and

22 WHEREAS, Jossie Johnson Wilson is survived by her husband,
23 Samuel Wilson; her daughter, Yolanda Shepard (Jeffery, Sr.);

1 her sons, Kenneth Allen Johnson, Jr. (Kim) and Titus Johnson;
2 her grandchildren, Jeffery Shepard, Jr., Derrick, Derion, and
3 Deondre Watts, Joshua and Joi Johnson, Tierra Neal, Tanya
4 Johnson, and Mariah Johnson; her former spouse, Kenneth A.
5 Johnson, Sr.; her siblings, Mary Alice (Jones) Wimberly,
6 Ophelia Davis (Fred), Bernice Warren (Robert), Buelah Howard,
7 Hoover Darden (Dorinda), Herbert Darden, Ella Holt (Tony),
8 Jacqueline Cunningham (Travis), Charles Darden (Paula),
9 Terrell Darden, Cornell Darden (Maria), Theodore Darden
10 (Stacie), Kevin Darden, and Keith Darden; her father, Osa
11 Jones; and her paternal siblings, Lacey Riley, Ellen Jones,
12 Linda Jones, Joyce Jones, Osa Jones, Jr., Edward Jones, Tony
13 Jones, Donnell Jones, Cynthia Jones, and Tomeka Jones;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we, along with her family and friends, mourn the passing of
18 Jossie Pearl Johnson Wilson; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Jossie Johnson Wilson as an
21 expression of our sympathy.