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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Loretta H. Griffin, who passed away on December 1, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Loretta Griffin was born in Evergreen, Alabama on November 27, 1937 to John Holmes and Eloise Drakeford; she married Tom R. Griffin on December 6, 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Loretta Griffin accepted Christ at the age of 12 and was baptized at the Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Evergreen, Alabama; after relocating to Chicago in 1957, she united with the Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, where she was involved in Sunday school, the B.T.U., the Gospel Choir, and mission work; she was appointed Chairperson of the Deaconess Missionary, where she served for 15 years; and

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WHEREAS, Loretta Griffin and her husband relocated to Gautier, Mississippi, where in 1995 they joined the Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church; she served at Greater Antioch Church from September of 1995 until recently; she served on the following Ministries: Mass-Choir, Sunday School, youth teacher, Laymen, and Deaconess Ministry; and

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WHEREAS, Loretta Griffin was preceded in death by her

1 parents; her sister, Lina McGee; her brother, Ralph Mallory;  
2 and her grandson, Aaron Meadows; and

3 WHEREAS, Loretta Griffin is survived by her husband of 57  
4 years, Tom R. Griffin; her 2 sons, Gregory (Bonita) Griffin and  
5 Frederick (Gina) Griffin; her step-daughter, Yvonne (Willie)  
6 Cockrell; her goddaughter, Dorothy "Coope"; her grandchildren,  
7 Fatima (Michael) Griffin, Frederick Griffin, Jr., Rebecca  
8 Cockrell, and Kerwin Cockrell; her 4 great-grandchildren,  
9 Ayana Meadows, Randall Brocks, Jr., Kerwin Cockrell, Jr., and  
10 Sarai Griffin; her sister, Evelyn Holmes; her brother-in-law,  
11 James Griffin; her sister-in-law, Lucille Sanders; and a host  
12 of nieces, nephews, and friends; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 mourn the passing of Loretta H. Griffin, and extend our sincere  
16 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
17 her; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Loretta Griffin as an expression of  
20 our deepest sympathy.