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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 Eloise Harvey, who passed away on June 14, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Eloise Harvey was born on March 12, 1929; her parents were Minister Henry and Martha Jane Seals, Sr.; she married Louis Harvey, Sr. on December 2, 1952 in Tunica, Mississippi; and

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WHEREAS, Eloise Harvey was baptized at an early age by Rev. McDonald in Mississippi; she was taught to sew by her mother, a skill which she would pass on to her daughters Helen and Patricia; she also worked as a beautician and assisted her father and uncles in running the family's grocery store and hotel; and

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WHEREAS, Eloise Harvey and her husband relocated to Chicago in 1955; after attending Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, they moved west and she became a member of United Faith Missionary Baptist Church; in May of 1993, she became a member of the Maypole Avenue Church of Christ; and

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WHEREAS, Eloise Harvey earned various educational certifications and community activist awards; she is also an

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1       alumnus     of     DePaul     University     and     obtained     special  
2       certifications in the Chicago Public School System; and

3               WHEREAS, Eloise Harvey retired from the Board of Education  
4       as a Social Service Aide in 1993 after many years of service;  
5       at her urging, Maypole Avenue was a host to Beat 1113 meetings,  
6       which she facilitated for many years; she served as President  
7       of the Parent Teacher Association at Marconi School and Vice  
8       President of the Parent Teacher Association at Austin High  
9       School; in the 1970s, she and others were responsible for the  
10      renaming of the Austin High School Auditorium to become the Dr.  
11      Martin Luther King Auditorium and she worked with the late Dr.  
12      Chetwyn Rodgers to prevent the closing of Austin High School  
13      and other grammar schools; and

14              WHEREAS, Through the efforts of Eloise Harvey, the Maypole  
15      Avenue Church of Christ became a polling place for her  
16      community; she has been a dedicated supporter of the Democratic  
17      Party all of her adult life and very active in the Chicagoland  
18      area; she canvassed voters and led get-out-the-vote campaigns  
19      on behalf of both the late Mayor Harold Washington and Rev.  
20      Jesse Jackson during his campaign for President; when she  
21      became unable to get out and make contact with the people, she  
22      would call them on the phone to tell them "Get Up and Get Out  
23      and Vote"; and

1           WHEREAS, Eloise Harvey was preceded in death by her  
2 parents; her sibilings, J.D., Katherine, Nora, Ector, Eldridge,  
3 and Henry; her husbands, Mr. Ellis and Lee Miles, Sr.; her  
4 daughter, Louella; and her sons, Charles, Charlie, and  
5 Nathaniel; and

6           WHEREAS, Eloise Harvey is survived by her sons, Lee Miles  
7 Jr., Marcus M. Miles Sr., Kenny Ray Harvey, and Louis (Mozella)  
8 Harvey Jr.; her daughters, Diane A. Harvey, Katherine  
9 Harvey-Stevenson (John), Patricia Harvey, and Alderman Helen  
10 Harris; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and  
11 great-great-grandchildren; her brother, Eugene Seals; her  
12 sisters, Edna M. Nuell, Bessie M. Miles, and Stella B. Mayes;  
13 her brother-in-law, O.B. Harvey; her sisters-in-law, Wilada  
14 Harvey, Annie Bell Reese, and Mazora Seals; her special  
15 cousins, Minister James Wallace and Bertha Gage; and many  
16 nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we, along with her family and friends, mourn the passing of  
20 Eloise Harvey; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Eloise Harvey as an expression of  
23 our sympathy.