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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 AnnaMarie McCall, who passed away on October 2, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, AnnaMarie McCall was born in Chicago during the Great Depression to Milan and Anna (Kaviak) Smiljanic; she attended Peck Elementary School, Eli Whitney Elementary School, and Cameron Elementary School; during her grade school years, she was double-promoted three separate times; she went on to attend Austin High School in Chicago; she attended business school and married Thomas McCall, a sailor in the U.S. Navy who became a Chicago police officer; and

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WHEREAS, AnnaMarie McCall worked for Time Life Magazine, the Bodine Electric Company, and Grey Van Lines; she returned to school and earned an associates degree in liberal arts from Wilbur Wright Junior College; she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Chicago Teachers College and became a teacher with the Chicago Public Schools; she was one of the original teachers in the Chicago Child Parent Centers, a program for children from preschool through third grade; and

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WHEREAS, AnnaMarie McCall discovered she had a deep passion for working in early education with disadvantaged children; she

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1 earned two master's degrees from DePaul University, one in  
2 guidance and counseling and a second in special education; she  
3 retired after spending her entire career with the Chicago  
4 Public School system; and

5 WHEREAS, During retirement, AnnaMarie McCall enjoyed  
6 traveling; she embarked on several trips to England, one upon  
7 which she returned to the U.S. aboard the Queen Elizabeth II;  
8 she took numerous cruises around the U.S. and traveled to  
9 Egypt, where she visited the pyramids and sailed the Nile  
10 River; one of her most enjoyable trips involved a train journey  
11 starting in Chicago, traveling to the East Coast, and from  
12 there boarding the Queen Elizabeth II, which sailed south  
13 through the Panama Canal to Mexico then to the West Coast,  
14 before returning to Chicago aboard Amtrak; and

15 WHEREAS, AnnaMarie McCall was a member of the Maine  
16 Township Mainstreamers Advisory Council and the Suburban Area  
17 Agency on Aging; she was the advisor council secretary for the  
18 Des Plaines Friends of the Library and the treasurer for the  
19 Ladies Auxiliary of the Showmen's League of America; she was a  
20 Silver Representative in the National Silver Haired Congress;  
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22 WHEREAS, AnnaMarie McCall was the widow of the late Thomas  
23 (CPD); the beloved mother of Linda Gonzales (retired CPD); the

1 grandmother of Marc Harrison, David (Alba) Gonzales, Phillip  
2 Gonzales, and Robin Gonzales (CPD); and the great-grandmother  
3 of Mariano Garcia III, Evan Gonzales, Anthony Garcia, Harper  
4 Gonzales, David Gonzales Jr., Jocelyn Gonzales, and Isabella  
5 Gonzales; therefore, be it

6       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we mourn the passing of AnnaMarie McCall and extend our sincere  
9 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
10 her; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of AnnaMarie McCall as an expression of  
13 our deepest sympathy.