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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 Marilyn
4 Jackson of Chicago, who passed away on September 9, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Marilyn Jackson was born in Chicago on October 6,
6 1935 to Warezeller and Cleopus Ridgner; she was educated in
7 Chicago, attending Doolittle Elementary and Wendell Phillips
8 High School; she accepted Christ at the age of 12 at Friendly
9 Temple Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late
10 Bishop I. Favors, where she was a member until she married; she
11 was united in holy matrimony in 1956 to Thomas Jackson, Jr.;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Marilyn Jackson was very humble and enjoyed her
14 duties as First Lady, which included providing meals for
15 special events, organizing teas as fundraisers, and clothing
16 give-a-ways; and

17 WHEREAS, Marilyn Jackson was a dedicated housewife; she was
18 employed by Spiegel and retired from Carson Pirie Scott; she
19 was active in many organizations, including Boosters for
20 Christ, the Housewife's Club of the YWCA, and the local parent
21 and teacher's organization; her charitable work included
22 giving out food for the holidays and being of service to all in

1 need; and

2 WHEREAS, Marilyn Jackson was a licensed missionary; she did
3 everything within her power to make sure that each of her
4 children and grandchildren knew how to have a personal
5 relationship with the Lord; she found many ways to create
6 lasting memories for others throughout her life; she was always
7 encouraging others to reach their full potential and she never
8 forgot a birthday; and

9 WHEREAS, Marilyn Jackson was a people person; she had a
10 kind and loving spirit and greeted everyone she met as though
11 they were lifelong friends; she took great joy and delight in
12 spending time with her grandchildren; her spiritual gift of
13 hospitality and generosity was known around the nation; her
14 home was open to family, friends, and strangers; many mission
15 workers, visiting ministers, church members, and family have
16 been blessed with her warm smile, open heart, and food; and

17 WHEREAS, Marilyn Jackson was preceded in death by her
18 parents; her stepfather, William McNabb; her 2 sisters, Juanita
19 (Ernest) and Maggie Anderson; and her 2 brothers, Leon Ridgner
20 (Virgina) and Cleophes Ridgner, Jr.; and

21 WHEREAS, Marilyn Jackson is survived by her husband, Thomas
22 Jackson, Jr.; her sister, Cleola Mae Bates; her 4 children,

1 Toby, Thomas III (Marie), Mark, and Judie; her 12
2 grandchildren; her 13 great-grandchildren; her special niece,
3 Debra Ridgner; and her nieces, nephews, other relatives,
4 friends, and neighbors; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 mourn the passing of Marilyn Jackson, and extend our sincere
8 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
9 her; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Marilyn Jackson as an expression of
12 our deepest sympathy.