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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 Mary Aster Bailey of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Aster Bailey was born to Joe Morrow and Evelyn Avant (Waddell) in Grand Junction, Tennessee; she attended school through ninth grade, leaving high school to work as a sharecropper on the Ames Plantation in Grand Junction; she married Robert Eugene Bailey, and they raised their children in the Washington Heights community of Chicago, where she remained a resident; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Aster Bailey was a gifted hairstylist, a talented seamstress, and a cat lover who also selflessly contributed to the well-being of those around her, especially her grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Aster Bailey was a devoutly religious woman and the eldest member of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church on the South Side of Chicago, where she had been a member for 65 years and served as lead singer of the choir; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Aster Bailey's journey through life was marked by resilience, courage, entrepreneurship, and an

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1 unwavering commitment to justice, community, and spirit; and

2 WHEREAS, Mary Aster Bailey Bailey was the wife of Robert
3 Eugene Bailey for 65 years; the mother of Valarie Ann Ammons,
4 Chessie Smith, Wilbert Bailey, and Raython Bailey; the
5 grandmother of 24; the great-grandmother of 36; the
6 great-great-grandmother of 14; and the owner of a long line of
7 cats; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we mourn the passing of Mary Aster Bailey and extend our
11 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
12 and loved her; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Mary Aster Bailey as an expression
15 of our deepest sympathy.