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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Mother
4 Mary Ann Robinson of Peoria, who passed away on August 16,
5 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Robinson was born to Shellie and Minnie Mae
7 (Jackson) Robinson in Peoria on October 11, 1947; and

8 WHEREAS, Mary Robinson first worked at the Pere Marquette
9 Hotel and then at St. Francis Hospital for 25 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mary Robinson was a member of New Hope
11 International Ministries, now New Life Christian Center, for
12 over 40 years, where she served in the Outreach Program, on the
13 Witness Team, and on the usher board; she was also a member of
14 The Purple Hat Brigade (PHB); she was deeply committed to her
15 faith and was praised for the impact she made on the whole
16 church body; and

17 WHEREAS, Mary Robinson built her life centered around
18 love, laughter, and faith, and her family was her greatest
19 joy; she was a faithful and proud mother while raising her five
20 sons, always present to guide and encourage; she turned every
21 gathering into a holiday, always with a game of spades or bid

1 wiz; she will especially be remembered for her beautiful and
2 infectious smile and for always making people feel welcome;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mary Robinson was preceded in death by her
5 parents; the love of her life, Albert Gene Russell; her
6 daughter, Carla J. Robinson; her siblings, Shellie Robinson,
7 Larry Robinson, Stanford C. Robinson, Richard V. Johnson,
8 Terry L. Johnson, Pearlie M. Robinson, Beverly A.
9 Robinson-Mack, and Arlethea Johnson; and

10 WHEREAS, Mary Robinson is survived by her sons, Tony
11 (Carla) Robinson, Dennis E. (Nancy) Robinson, Mark E.
12 Robinson, Albert M. Russell, and Brian K. (Cassandra) Russell;
13 her siblings, Michael J. (Jackie) Robinson, Steven E.
14 Robinson, Gary (Diana C.) Johnson, Yolanda (Ron) Severson,
15 Valerie D. Johnson, and Tammy Johnson; 26 grandchildren; 32
16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of
17 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we mourn the passing of Mother Mary Ann Robinson and extend our
21 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
22 and loved her; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Mary Robinson as an expression of
3 our deepest sympathy.