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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 Mabel Orange, who passed away on November 12, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Mabel Orange was born to Jefferson Sr. and Eloise Nethery in Chicago on April 12, 1949; she married Guy Orange Jr. on July 1, 1967, and they had two children, Christel and Yolanda; and

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WHEREAS, Mabel Orange, being hearing-impaired herself, carried a deep passion for serving individuals with special needs, leading her to a 33-year career at Jesse Spalding, where she became one of the first women of color to serve as a child welfare attendant under SEIU; she was loved by the children she served, and many remembered her heart, her patience, and her commitment to their care; she retired with immense pride in the work she had done; and

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WHEREAS, Mabel Orange committed to her faith at an early age and was raised at First Steadfast M.B.C.; after retirement, she joined St. John Evangelist M.B.C., where she worshiped faithfully until her health failed her in 2022; her worship extended beyond church walls, and her social media became her ministry, blessing many with praises, prayers, and

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1 encouragement; she also sang in multiple choirs throughout her
2 life, including under Isabel Joseph Johnson, with Chicago Mass
3 Choir under Calvin Bridges, and alongside Willie Wilson; and

4 WHEREAS, Mabel Orange spent her later years traveling with
5 family, enjoying time with friends, playing pennies for peace
6 of mind, and above all, cherishing every moment with her
7 grandchildren, Donnisha and Deon Jr.; and

8 WHEREAS, Mabel Orange will be remembered for her love, her
9 service, and her unwavering faith; and

10 WHEREAS, Mabel Orange was preceded in death by her husband
11 of 53 years, Guy; her daughter, Yolanda; and her siblings,
12 Jefferson Jr., Ronald, Michael, and Myrna; and

13 WHEREAS, Mabel Orange is survived by her daughter,
14 Christel; her grandchildren, Donnisha (Donnell) and Deon Jr.;
15 her son-in-law, Deon Sr.; her siblings-in-law, Marilyn and
16 Ray; and a host of relatives, friends, and those whose lives
17 she touched; 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 Mabel Orange and extend our sincere
21 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved

1 her; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Mabel Orange as an expression of our
4 deepest sympathy.