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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 Tardifay (Horton) Jackson, who passed away on February 13, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Tardifay Jackson was born to Charlie Lee and Bessie Jefferson Horton in Chattanooga, Tennessee on January 7, 1936; she attended East 5th Street Elementary School in Chattanooga and received a bachelor's degree in education from Tennessee State University in Nashville, where she pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; she also attended Chicago Teachers College, known today as Chicago State University, and earned a master's degree from Northeastern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Tardifay Jackson met James Jackson while attending Tennessee State University, and they married in a chapel at Fort Rucker, Alabama; upon graduation, they moved to the Bronzeville neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois; through their union, they had one child, Adrienne; and

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WHEREAS, Tardifay Jackson initially taught in the Chicago Public Schools on Chicago's West Side and then accepted a position at Madison Elementary School in South Holland School District 151, where she worked for more than 25 years; during

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1 her career, she was a celebrated educator who was known for her  
2 extraordinary ability in teaching students how to read; and

3 WHEREAS, Tardifay Jackson committed to her faith at an  
4 early age; in her youth, she and her family attended Tucker  
5 Baptist Church, and she was baptized in July 1947; as an adult,  
6 she was a member of Calvary Baptist Church on Chicago's South  
7 Side, where she served on the Education and Scholarship Board  
8 and taught Vacation Bible School in the summers; she was also a  
9 den mother for the Cub Scouts of America; and

10 WHEREAS, Tardifay Jackson loved spending time and  
11 traveling with her grandson, Quintin, and she was referred to  
12 as his "taxi-granny" for her willingness to drive him  
13 everywhere, especially to Burger King; and

14 WHEREAS, Tardifay Jackson was preceded in death by her  
15 parents; her former husband; and her siblings, Ernest and  
16 Gloria; and

17 WHEREAS, Tardifay Jackson is survived by her daughter,  
18 Adrienne (Michael); her grandson, Quintin; her sister, Doris  
19 Horton; and a host of relatives and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
21 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn the passing of Tardifay (Horton) Jackson and extend  
2 our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who  
3 knew and loved her; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Tardifay Jackson as an expression  
6 of our deepest sympathy.