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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 Roberta  
4 Wilson; and

5 WHEREAS, Roberta Wilson came to Chicago from Thomson,  
6 Georgia as part of the Second Great Migration of Black  
7 Americans in 1946, taking a job in the Hotel Bismarck as a  
8 member of Local 46 Laundry Workers Union; and

9 WHEREAS, Roberta Wilson later worked in education as a  
10 member of the Professional and School Related Personnel (PSRP)  
11 team in Chicago Public Schools, devoting her time and talents  
12 to the young people of Austin High School, John Hay Community  
13 Academy, Charles Sumner Math and Science Community Academy,  
14 Bernhard Moos Elementary School, and Schubert Elementary  
15 School; and

16 WHEREAS, After retiring from Chicago Public Schools  
17 following nearly 40 years of service, Roberta Wilson remained  
18 a dedicated member of the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU),  
19 serving as sergeant at arms at every CTU House of Delegates  
20 meeting; and

21 WHEREAS, Roberta Wilson was a devoted member of Third

1 Unitarian Church in Austin for more than half a century,  
2 organizing coat drives, food pantries, block clubs, and a  
3 scholarship fund that helped West Side youth attend college;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Roberta Wilson has left a lasting impact on the  
6 labor movement and the youth of Chicago; therefore, be it

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

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Roberta Wilson as an expression of  
14 our deepest sympathy.