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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 Kathleen
4 Taylor Talbert, who passed away on April 24, 2026; and

5 WHEREAS, Kathleen Talbert was born in Ashland, Kentucky on
6 April 12, 1930; she graduated from Booker T. Washington High
7 School and attended her first year of college on a music
8 scholarship at Kentucky State College in 1947, where she
9 majored in performance and classical piano; she earned a
10 Bachelor of Arts in English from Maryland State College, where
11 she reigned as Miss Maryland State; and

12 WHEREAS, Kathleen Talbert served as a devoted elementary
13 school teacher with the Newark Board of Education for more
14 than 40 years and spent most of her life in East Orange, New
15 Jersey; and

16 WHEREAS, Kathleen Talbert was deeply rooted in her faith
17 and served as a Deaconess at Mount Olive Baptist Church in East
18 Orange, New Jersey, where she also contributed as a Sunday
19 School teacher and Sunday School Superintendent over the
20 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Kathleen Talbert's commitment to service was

1 extensive; she was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
2 Inc. and the Michigan 450 Group; while in East Orange, New
3 Jersey, she volunteered with the Newark Literacy Program,
4 teaching and mentoring adults who dropped out of school,
5 served on the Board of Trustees for Isaiah House, an
6 organization that secures housing for homeless teens, and was
7 a member of the Board of Trustees for the Grove Street Senior
8 Citizens Housing Corporation, securing affordable housing for
9 grandparents who had custody of their grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Kathleen Talbert lived a life dedicated to
11 education, faith, and community service; and

12 WHEREAS, Kathleen Talbert was preceded in death by her
13 husband, Solomon A. Talbert Sr., and her daughter, Crystal
14 Lurlene Talbert; and

15 WHEREAS, Kathleen Talbert is survived by her sons, Solomon
16 A. Talbert Jr., Charles H. Talbert, and Michael H. Talbert;
17 two grandsons; and three great-grandchildren; 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 Kathleen Taylor Talbert 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 Kathleen Talbert as an expression
3 of our deepest sympathy.