

**SB0249**



**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2025 and 2026**

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Introduced 1/22/2025, by Sen. Doris Turner

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

5 ILCS 490/161 new

Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Provides that the fourth day of August of each year shall be designated as Eva Carroll Monroe Recognition Day, to be observed throughout the State as a day to honor and celebrate Eva Carroll Monroe's legacy and her work on behalf of orphaned Black children during the harsh times of the Jim Crow era. Effective immediately.

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**A BILL FOR**

1           AN ACT concerning government.

2           **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3           **represented in the General Assembly:**

4           Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to honor the  
5           legacy of Eva Carroll Monroe, the founder of the Lincoln  
6           Colored Home, the first Black orphanage in the State and the  
7           second Black orphanage in the United States. As a result of  
8           this day of recognition, there will be a greater understanding  
9           and appreciation of the rich history of the State of Illinois.

10           Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by  
11           adding Section 161 as follows:

12           (5 ILCS 490/161 new)

13           Sec. 161. Eva Carroll Monroe Day. The fourth day of August  
14           of each year shall be designated as Eva Carroll Monroe  
15           Recognition Day, to be observed throughout the State as a day  
16           to honor and celebrate her legacy and her work on behalf of  
17           orphaned Black children during the harsh times of the Jim Crow  
18           era.

19           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20           becoming law.