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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 Mildred J. Wiley of Chicago, who passed away on March 26, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Mildred Wiley graduated from Providence St. Mel High School; and

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WHEREAS, Mildred Wiley's life of service was grounded in her love of community, her faith, her belief in her fellow humans, and the hope and determination to improve the life chances of children and families; she had served on the Greater West Town Community Development Project's (GWTP) Board since 2013; her leadership role on the board was one of many commitments she made to the people of Chicago and to the residents of the West Side in particular; and

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WHEREAS, Over the years, Mildred Wiley was involved in public education, job training and employment opportunities, lifting up the formerly incarcerated, promoting community revitalization and economic development, preventing violence, and creating safe spaces and places and greater educational opportunities for youth; she was a champion of GWTP's West Town Academy and the Shipping & Receiving and Woodworking Vocational Skills Training Program; she often attended graduation

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1 ceremonies at the Academy and Skills Training programs; she was
2 active on the local and national levels, serving on elementary
3 and high school local school councils and working with networks
4 of education reformers and social and economic justice
5 advocates across the country; and

6 WHEREAS, Mildred Wiley believed in being hopeful and
7 positive; she never gave up on trying to solve the most
8 challenging and stubborn problems facing the community and took
9 on each challenge with a quiet dignity, ferocious passion, and
10 dogged determination; and

11 WHEREAS, Mildred Wiley is survived by her husband, Houston;
12 her children, Corey and Colby; and her grandson, Joseph
13 Robinson; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn the passing of Mildred J. Wiley and extend our sincere
17 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
18 her; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Mildred Wiley as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.