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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Celestine
4 "Bunchie" Jakes of Chicago, who passed away on January 9, 2020;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Celestine Jakes was born on January 11, 1947 in
7 Wabash, Arkansas to Reverend Johnnie James Sr. and Callie
8 Jakes; she was the youngest of ten siblings and was very close
9 to all of them; she graduated from Lake View High School in
10 1965, and as an adult, she moved to Chicago where she joined
11 Liberty Baptist Church; while living in Los Angeles,
12 California, she was a member of the First New Christian Church,
13 and she currently was part of the faith family of West Point
14 Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago; and

15 WHEREAS, Celestine Jakes was a loving daughter, a caring
16 sister, and a loyal friend; the true pride and joy of her life
17 was to be a warm, faithful, devoted, compassionate, and
18 dedicated mother, and she was the archetype of how a parent
19 should care for a child; she offered her children the best
20 love, compassion, discipline, devotion, and faithfulness a
21 parent could offer; and

22 WHEREAS, Celestine Jakes lived her life well and died

1 peacefully in her sleep surrounded by her family; and

2 WHEREAS, Celestine Jakes is preceded in death by her
3 parents, Johnnie James Sr. and Callie Jakes; her sisters, Betty
4 Chapman, Cora Dandredge, and Margaret Sledge; and her brothers,
5 Pastor Paul L. Jakes Sr. and Johnnie James Jakes Jr.; and

6 WHEREAS, Celestine Jakes is survived by her children,
7 LaChrisia Nannette Jakes, Dr. LaShawn Bernard Jakes (Carole),
8 Davionne Brown Jakes, Quincy B. Banks, Pastor Delbert Earl
9 Wright, Dr. Charley Hames Jr., and Dr. S. Todd Yeary; her
10 grandchildren, Reginald Reed (Sharena), Brandon Jakes, and
11 Erika Jakes; her sisters, Elizabeth James, Sallie Pearl
12 Sanders, and Callie Beatrice Adams; and her brother, E. Willie
13 Jakes; 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 Celestine "Bunchie" Jakes and extend
17 our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who
18 knew and loved her; and be it further

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