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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 Billie McCoy-Thomas; and

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WHEREAS, Billie McCoy-Thomas was born on October 9, 1971; and

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WHEREAS, Billie McCoy-Thomas had her first meaningful job as a case manager for the Brothers Keeper Community Resource Center, where she worked under her father, Chief Apostle McCoy; while there, she learned to have compassion and empathy for the community and how to fight the disparity within the community; she served as a social worker for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services; she worked for the non-profit Aunt Martha's; she served as a qualified mental health professional for the Community Counseling Center of Chicago; she was the creative director of Real McCoy Creations; she also worked as a substitute teacher, an entrepreneur, and a cheer and life coach; and

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WHEREAS, Billie McCoy-Thomas was deeply committed to her faith; she was known for her grace, her quiet confidence, her strength, her sense of humor, her fairness, her principles, her integrity, and her dignity; she was a lifelong advocate in her

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1 community was extremely dedicated to the youth in underserved
2 areas; she was affectionately known as "Billie Joe" and more
3 recently known as "BJ"; she will be remembered for being a
4 mother, a daughter, an aunt, a friend, and a confidant to many;
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6 WHEREAS, Billie McCoy-Thomas was a loving and nurturing
7 mother to her two daughters and was equally affectionate to
8 their father, Steve Thomas; and

9 WHEREAS, Billie McCoy-Thomas is survived by her parents,
10 Chief Apostle Dr. William and Pastor Emeritus Rose McCoy; her
11 children, DaMoyne McCoy and Niomi Thomas; her siblings, William
12 Lorenzo McCoy, William Lester McCoy (Heather), Victoria McCoy,
13 Vanessa McCoy-Pulphus (Toriano), Major Lee McCoy (Jackie),
14 Debracia McCoy-Jones (Otis), and Otis McCoy; many nieces and
15 nephews; her cousins; her godchildren; the Black Diamonds; and
16 her friends; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we mourn the passing of Billie McCoy-Thomas and extend our
20 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
21 and loved her; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Billie McCoy-Thomas as an expression
2 of our deepest sympathy.