HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Nana B. Banks of Peoria, who passed away on February 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Nana B. Banks was born in Lexington, Mississippi to John Sargent Sr. and Lubirtha (Marshall) Sargent on May 18, 1928; she married James Buchanan Banks Sr. in Lexington, Mississippi on August 5, 1949, and he preceded her in death on September 21, 2007; together, they moved to Peoria; and

WHEREAS, Nana Banks was deeply committed to her faith; she was a member of the New Morning Star M.B. Church, where she served as a member of the choir, calendar tea, mothers, and deaconess boards; and

WHEREAS, Nana Banks was the matriarch of her family and affectionately known as "Mother Nana"; she loved cooking, raising her children, and caring for her grandchildren; she will be remembered for her great sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, Nana Banks was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, James Buchanan Banks Sr.; her parents; and her siblings, James Mines, Lillie Davis, Herbert Mines, Mae Birtha Sargent, and John Sargent Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Nana Banks is survived by her children, Edward "Chic" Banks, Erma "Jean" Banks, James "Butch" Banks Jr., Gregory Banks, Dwayne (Demetra) Banks, and Kenneth (Tamia) Banks; her sister, Senora (George) Smith; 21 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Nana B. Banks and extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Nana Banks as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

