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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 Mary  
4 Alice Johnson, who passed away on December 24, 2021; and

5           WHEREAS, Mary Johnson was born in Forrest City, Arkansas  
6 to Isaac Sr. and Ella Mae Reese on May 4, 1943; at age five,  
7 she moved with her family to Chicago and attended Stone Temple  
8 Missionary Baptist Church on Chicago's west side; she attended  
9 Julius Hay Hess School and graduated from John Marshall High  
10 School; and

11           WHEREAS, After graduating, Mary Johnson went to work as a  
12 seamstress at a local cleaners on Chicago's west side; she  
13 married Joe Louis Johnson on October 28, 1960 and became a  
14 homemaker for many years; and

15           WHEREAS, After raising her children, Mary Johnson began  
16 working for the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) as a customer  
17 assistant in February 1990; she also served as a conductor and  
18 union representative; she was very devoted to her job; she was  
19 never late and never called in sick; she was loved by many of  
20 her coworkers, and some of them became lifelong friends; she  
21 retired in March 2011, after 21 years of service; and

1           WHEREAS, Mary Johnson had a big heart and was one of the  
2 kindest people you could meet; she loved going to church, the  
3 casino, dining out, cooking, and dancing; most of all, she  
4 loved her family unconditionally; and

5           WHEREAS, Mary Johnson was preceded in death by her  
6 husband, Joe Louis Johnson; her children, Joseph Johnson and  
7 Dante Johnson; her parents; her sisters, Victoria Bryant, Mae  
8 Ella Alexander, and Cozetta Scott; and her brother, Isaac  
9 Reese Jr.; and

10           WHEREAS, Mary Johnson is survived by her children, Steven  
11 (Michelle), Landis, Cheryl (Ricky), Carla (Levertis), and  
12 Corey (Lasina); 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren;  
13 her brother, Joe Watts; her special sister-in-law, Gennell  
14 Reese; and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, friends, and  
15 coworkers; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we mourn the passing of Mary Alice Johnson and extend our  
19 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
20 and loved her; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Mary Johnson as an expression of our

1 deepest sympathy.