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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 Mary Louise Hawthorne Jones; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Jones was born to L.C. Hawthorne and Nannie Lee Hawthorne on November 16, 1933; she was the oldest daughter of six children; she married John Albert Jones Jr. at the age of 16, and they had eight children; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Jones played the piano for her father's church at a young age; she continued playing the piano and became the church's first musician when her husband began to serve as pastor, and she served faithfully in ministry with her husband; during her tenure, she aided the church through cooking in the kitchen, planting a church garden, feeding members in her home, and providing housing for many; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Jones was a creative, industrious, and highly intellectual woman of many talents and skills, including sewing, crafting, gardening, and cooking; she was especially known for her biscuits, salmon croquettes, banana pudding, dressing, coconut cake, and peach cobbler; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Jones was known as a wise woman who was

1 dedicated, loyal, and loving to her family while exemplifying  
2 a life of grace, class, and elegance; she will be remembered  
3 for her sweet smile, Sunday dinners, and candid humor, and she  
4 will forever be affectionately known as "Mother Rehoboth"; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary Jones was preceded in death by her children,  
6 Bruce, John III, and Martha, and her siblings, Willie L.  
7 Hawthorne, James L. Hawthorne, and Harold Hawthorne; and

8 WHEREAS, Mary Jones is survived by her children, Mirriam  
9 (Joseph) Knox, Arthur Jones, Stanley (the late Robin) Jones,  
10 Eva (Shannon) Curington, and Osmond (Leslie) Jones; 13  
11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two  
12 great-great-grandchildren; her sisters, Pauline Robinson and  
13 Eddie Mae Hawthorne; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins,  
14 friends, and her Rehoboth family; therefore, be it

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

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Mary Jones as an expression of our  
22 deepest sympathy.