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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 Marian Lois Shields Robinson of Chicago, who passed away on May 31, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Marian Robinson was born to Rebecca Jumper and Purnell Shields in Chicago on July 29, 1937; she attended teaching college; she married Fraser Robinson III in 1960, and they resided on Chicago's South Side, where they raised two children, Craig and Michelle, the future First Lady of the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Marian Robinson worked as a secretary before becoming a stay-at-home mother; she later worked as a bank secretary until retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Marian Robinson became a resident of the White House during the eight-year presidency of her son-in-law, Barack Obama, beginning in 2009; during her tenure, she was affectionately known as "first grandma", took care of her granddaughters, and successfully avoided the limelight while attending various events, concerts, and state dinners; she also joined the first family on a number of overseas trips before returning to Chicago; and

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1 WHEREAS, Marian Robinson especially enjoyed spending time
2 with her friends and attending weekly yoga classes; and

3 WHEREAS, Marian Robinson was a loving mother, a supportive
4 mother-in-law, and a devoted grandmother; she will be
5 remembered as a grounded, witty, and tough-minded matriarch of
6 her family, providing steadiness and a fresh perspective to
7 those around her; and

8 WHEREAS, Marian Robinson was preceded in death by her
9 husband; and

10 WHEREAS, Marian Robinson is survived by her children,
11 Craig (Kelly) Robinson and Michelle (Barack) Obama, and six
12 grandchildren; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we mourn the passing of Marian Lois Shields Robinson and
16 extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all
17 who knew and loved her; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Marian Robinson as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.