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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 Annette  
4 Mattie Watkins Whiting of Chicago, who recently passed away;  
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6           WHEREAS, Annette Mattie Watkins, the second child of Henry  
7 and Louise Watkins, was born on September 8, 1938, in Port  
8 Gibson, Mississippi (West Side); she attended Beachland  
9 Elementary School; in the fall of 1952, Annette entered Alcorn  
10 High School, a laboratory school, and played shooting forward  
11 on the girls' basketball team; she graduated at the top of her  
12 class in the spring of 1956; and

13           WHEREAS, She enrolled as a freshman at Alcorn State  
14 University in 1956, majoring in Home Economics; she graduated  
15 in three years (1959) with a Bachelor's of Science degree in  
16 Home Economics, and a minor in Elementary Education; she met  
17 and dated Leroy Whiting when they both attended Alcorn High  
18 School and Alcorn State University; they married immediately  
19 after graduating from college; and

20           WHEREAS, During the 1959-1960 school term, Annette lived  
21 with Leroy's mother in Rodney, Mississippi, a "Ghost Town",  
22 while Leroy worked elsewhere; Annette traveled daily by school

1 bus to a high school located in the nearest small town,  
2 Fayette, Mississippi, to work as a Home Economics teacher; and

3 WHEREAS, During the summer of 1960, Annette and Leroy moved  
4 to Chicago, where she worked for 37 years as a  
5 Kindergarten-Primary teacher at Faraday Elementary School, a  
6 Chicago Public School, before retiring in 1997; and

7 WHEREAS, Annette was a loving and dedicated wife, mother,  
8 and homemaker; she loved decorating her home; she loved to sew  
9 and developed into a master seamstress; she was masterful in  
10 her practice of frugality as she pursued these and other  
11 hobbies; she became well known for her dressing style,  
12 impeccable taste, and sense of personal elegance; and

13 WHEREAS, She demonstrated a tenacious capability to affect  
14 others by helping them to build good character; she was always  
15 willing to help in times of need; and she enjoyed many years  
16 traveling with her family and friends throughout the United  
17 States, the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Europe;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, She leaves to hold in precious memory, her  
20 husband, Leroy; her son, Oran (Sarah); her siblings, Irma  
21 Scott, George Watkins (Linda), and Mary Watkins; her dotting  
22 cousin, Honorable Judge Willie Whiting; and a host of nieces,

1 nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends, and former  
2 co-workers; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of  
6 Annette Whiting; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Annette Whiting as a symbol of our  
9 sincere sympathy.