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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 Beatrice  
4 Holley Sumlin, who passed away on May 18, 2015; and

5           WHEREAS, Beatrice Sumlin was born in Birmingham, Alabama on  
6 December 30, 1939 to Buford and Jessie Holley; she attended  
7 Lincoln Elementary and Parker High School and graduated from  
8 Wendel Phillips High School; she later attended the City  
9 Colleges of Chicago; she married Thomas Sumlin and they settled  
10 in Chicago; and

11           WHEREAS, Beatrice Sumlin was a vested member in her  
12 community; in 1968, she began to volunteer at the 8th Ward  
13 Regular Democratic Organization under the then-Committeeman  
14 John H. Stroger, Jr.; from there her career in politics began;  
15 she first became Cook County Sheriff, and after serving in that  
16 position for several years she went on to become a clerk for  
17 the Markham courthouse; she left the courthouse to become an  
18 executive in the downtown offices of the Cook County Department  
19 of Highway under the leadership of Cook County Board President  
20 John H. Stroger, Jr.; her loyalty and hard work led to her  
21 appointment as the prestigious Committee Woman of the 8th Ward  
22 Regular Democratic Organization, where she served for over 30  
23 years; and

1           WHEREAS, Beatrice Sumlin was an active member at New Hope  
2           Missionary Baptist Church for 26 years which led to the  
3           transition into Calvary Baptist Church, where she served from  
4           day one when they opened their doors; she was a strong voice in  
5           the choir and led many solos; and

6           WHEREAS, Beatrice Sumlin was preceded in death by her  
7           parents, and her son, Gregory Sumlin; and

8           WHEREAS, Beatrice Sumlin is survived by her 4 children,  
9           Stanley Sumlin (Janice), Aliscia Jones (Michael), and Jesse and  
10          Darlene Sumlin; her grandchildren, LaNeesha Givens (Kevin),  
11          Christa Talbott (Sean), Rashaad and Darrell Riley, Ayana  
12          Sumlin, Brian Barker, and Brandi Nelson; her  
13          great-grandchildren, Nehmiah Barker and Nia and Imani Talbott;  
14          her sister, Delores Fields; her very special niece, ZsaZsa  
15          Fields; and a parade of extended family and precious friends;  
16          therefore, be it

17          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18          NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19          mourn the passing of Beatrice Holley Sumlin, and extend our  
20          sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
21          and loved her; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Beatrice Sumlin as an expression of  
3 our deepest sympathy.