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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor Marie Drake for her many years of dedicated service to her family, church, community, State, and nation; and

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WHEREAS, Marie Drake has been an active member of the East St. Louis community for over 55 years, with 53 of those years spent in the community known as "Pollack Town"; she was instrumental in creating the Illinois Avenue Park in her neighborhood along with the help of the University of Illinois, receiving a bench at the park in her honor; and

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WHEREAS, Marie Drake was employed with the federal government for over 20 years at Jefferson Barracks and John Cochran Hospitals, where she received many citations for her work; she continued her services at the hospital after her retirement; she also volunteers with the Department of Corrections, visiting many institutions throughout the State to minister and distribute toiletries to the many men and women residing there; and

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WHEREAS, Marie Drake has been a very active member at her church, the Pilgrim Temple C.M.E., for over 30 years; and

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1 WHEREAS, Marie Drake and her husband, the late Mather L.
2 Drake, raised five children, Dr. Lee A. Drake, Charles D. Drake
3 Sr., Patricia Galloway, Mildred Drake-Washington, and Sheila
4 Fields, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren;
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6 WHEREAS, Marie Drake serves as a model of hard work,
7 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
8 Illinois; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 honor Marie Drake for her many years of dedicated service and
12 wish her continued success and happiness in the future; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Marie Drake as a symbol of our esteem and respect.