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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 Vivian Sullivan of Chicago, who passed away on November 20, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Vivian Sullivan was born on August 2, 1929 in Chicago; one of three siblings, she was the oldest daughter born to Tom and Odessa Clark; although she was born and raised in Chicago, Vivian loved to travel; she spent a large part of her life vacationing in some of the world's most beautiful places, from the exotic shores of the Hawaiian islands to Japan, Thailand, Europe, and the majestic land of Israel; she was determined to see the world; and

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WHEREAS, Vivian attended Wendell Phillips High School; upon graduation, she was employed by Young, Spring & Wire Corporation as an assembly line worker, where she remained a dedicated employee for over 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Vivian met and later married R.T. Sullivan, who preceded her in death; and

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WHEREAS, She was known for her ability to make the simplest dishes taste like gourmet treats; her peach cobbler and homemade rolls were a family favorite; and

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1 WHEREAS, Vivian accepted Christ as her personal savior at
2 an early age; she was a committed member of The House of Prayer
3 Church for over 50 years; she intensified her Christian walk
4 under the leadership of her dearly loved pastor, Prophet L.K.
5 Johnson; she found great joy in teaching Sunday school at the
6 church and would always study diligently to prepare for her
7 classes; as a Mother of her church and a prayer warrior, Vivian
8 was praised for her willingness to always lend a helping hand;
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10 WHEREAS, She was a constant companion at the bedside of the
11 sick and shut in members, making it a priority to visit with
12 and minister to them during their time of illness; her
13 enthusiasm for serving others was evident throughout her life;
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15 WHEREAS, At the age of 55, she went back to school,
16 received her CNA license, and embarked on a career as a nursing
17 assistant; she further exemplified her passion for service by
18 providing home health care services for those in need; she
19 found great solace in caring for those who could no longer care
20 for themselves; and

21 WHEREAS, Her daughter, Katherine, her sister, Eddie B., and
22 her dear companion, Cal Dennis, preceded her in death; and

1 WHEREAS, She is survived by her children, Barbara (Louis)
2 Williams, Lynn (Sydney) Coleman, Janice Sullivan, Robert, and
3 (Robin) Sullivan; her brother, Michael Sims; her
4 granddaughter, Tracie Sullivan, who was like a daughter to her;
5 her 10 other grandchildren; her 17 great-grandchildren, her 2
6 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, cousins, and
7 friends; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of Vivian
11 Sullivan; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Vivian Sullivan as a symbol of our
14 sincere sympathy.