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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 Barbara  
4 S. Penelton of Peoria, who passed away on March 18, 2013; and

5           WHEREAS, Barbara Penelton was born on April 8, 1937, in  
6 Chicago to Ruth and George Spencer; she attended Chicago Public  
7 Schools and earned a bachelors of science and a masters of  
8 science in education in 1958 and 1961, respectively, from the  
9 University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana; she married Frank  
10 Smith but that union ended in divorce and in 1968 she married  
11 Richard Penelton; and

12           WHEREAS, Barbara Penelton began teaching for the Chicago  
13 Public Schools; in 1966, she moved to Peoria after accepting a  
14 position as director of education for the Peoria Tri-County  
15 Urban League; in 1969, she became the first African-American  
16 female faculty member at Bradley University, where she taught  
17 and served as chair of the university's Department of Teacher  
18 Education in the College of Education and Health Sciences; and

19           WHEREAS, Barbara Penelton was preceded in death by her  
20 mother, Ruth and her husband, Richard; and

21           WHEREAS, Barbara Penelton is survived by her father, George

1 Spencer Sr.; her brother, George Spencer Jr.; her daughters,  
2 Lisa Penelton and Kim (Frank) Campbell; her grandchildren,  
3 Franklin and Julian Campbell; her other children, Toby Smith,  
4 Sheri Mathis, Dominique Brown, and George Lyon Spencer; her  
5 other grandchildren, Nishay Brown, Daejunique Brown, Jordan  
6 Carter, Nathan Carter, Sydney Mathis, Joseph Mathis, Geordan  
7 Spencer, and Skye Spencer; her goddaughter, Karlyn Miller  
8 Singleton; one godgranddaughter, Tamara Camille Butler; and a  
9 host of other much-beloved children, family members, book club  
10 sisters, and friends; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we mourn the passing of Barbara Penelton, and we extend our  
14 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
15 and loved her; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Barbara Penelton as an expression of  
18 our deepest sympathy.