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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 Mother
4 Lorraine Jakes, who passed away on October 29, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Lorraine Jakes was born on September 1, 1934 in
6 Chicago; her parents were Hollis and Lovie Boggus; she married
7 Paul L. Jakes on June 16, 1957; and

8 WHEREAS, Lorraine Jakes attended Gladstone Elementary
9 School and McKinley High School; during her senior year of high
10 school, she took part in the student work study program, where
11 she enjoyed working for Carson Pirie Scott and Company in
12 Chicago; after high school, she attended Herzl Junior College;
13 in the late 1960s, she began studying early childhood
14 development at Loop College and Malcolm X College; and

15 WHEREAS, After college, Lorraine Jakes found employment as
16 an assistant helper and was subsequently promoted to lead
17 teacher at Marillac House, Beacon House, the Jessie Thomas
18 Daycare Center, the Church of God Daycare, and the Montessori
19 Daycare; after working in early childhood development for
20 nearly 25 years, she and her husband went back to school and
21 completed course studies in Christian Education; she later
22 graduated with a Certificate of Studies in Christian Education

1 from the Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary; and

2 WHEREAS, Lorraine Jakes gave her life to Jesus Christ at
3 the age of 12 years old at the Mount Union Baptist Church under
4 the pastorate of Rev. Dr. C.W. Jones; at the age of 13, her
5 music teacher selected her to play for the gospel chorus at the
6 Greater Union Missionary Baptist Church; during her time in the
7 choir, she played for church worship services, district
8 associations, the Westside Ministers Conference, and the
9 National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, where she
10 played before an audience of over 50,000; she also played for
11 the evening radio broadcasts of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church
12 and played for Mahalia Jackson and Elder James Lennox; and

13 WHEREAS, Lorraine Jakes has served the New Tabernacle of
14 Faith Baptist Church as the Christian Education Director,
15 Missionary Society President, Anniversary Chair Person, Youth
16 Director, and Church Musician from 1967 until the time when she
17 was no longer able to attend church; and

18 WHEREAS, Lorraine Jakes was preceded in death by her
19 parents; her husband, Pastor Paul L. Jakes, Sr.; and her
20 siblings, Lawrence Boggus and Joan Hutchins; and

21 WHEREAS, Lorraine Jakes is survived by her sons, Pastor
22 Paul L. Jakes, Jr. and Pastor Martin L. (Betty) Jakes, Sr.; her

1 grandsons, Elijah R., Martin L., Jr., and Jonathan P. Jakes;
2 her sister, Eula Bundley; her many nieces, nephews, cousins,
3 other family members, and friends; her New Tabernacle of Faith
4 Baptist Church (Old Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church)
5 family; and her many spiritual sons and daughters; therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we, along with her family and friends, mourn the passing of
10 Mother Lorraine Jakes; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Lorraine Jakes as an expression of
13 our sympathy.