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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 Kathryn Williams Timmes of Peoria, who passed away on October 8, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Kathryn Timmes was born in Ashland, Kentucky to Almira and Willie Williams on January 10, 1931; she attended high school at the Swift Memorial Institute, a private boarding school in Rogersville, Tennessee; her undergraduate education was at Bennett College, an all-girls, historically-black college in Greensboro, North Carolina; and

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WHEREAS, Kathryn Timmes began her career teaching fourth grade in New York City; after a few years, she moved to Peoria and worked at the Carver Center; after a year, she taught at the Spalding Institute and the Academy of Our Lady; she then began her 50-year career with District 150 and taught at Douglas Elementary School and counseled students at Manual and Woodruff High Schools; and

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WHEREAS, Kathryn Timmes was the first president of the Heritage Ensemble and a charter member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Peoria Alumnae Chapter; she had many accomplishments, but her greatest pride and joy was her role as

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1 a wife, mother, and daughter; and

2 WHEREAS, Kathryn Timmes was a founding member of Leader  
3 Gordon-Booth's Kitchen Cabinet, a group of smart, fierce,  
4 loving women from the community that saw promise and talent in  
5 a young 24-year-old woman who wanted to serve her community;  
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7 WHEREAS, Kathryn Timmes was preceded in death by her  
8 husband of 59 years, John Timmes, and her daughter, Janique  
9 "Jan"; and

10 WHEREAS, Kathryn Timmes is survived by her daughter,  
11 Johnna; her closest sister-girlfriend, Jeanne St. Julian; and  
12 numerous extended family members, church members, neighbors,  
13 friends, former students, and colleagues; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we mourn the passing of Kathryn Williams Timmes and extend our  
17 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
18 and loved her; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Kathryn Timmes as an expression of  
21 our deepest sympathy.