



HR0948

LRB102 29047 ECR 40950 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Bessie Mae Lockett, who passed away on September 1, 2022; and

3

4

5

WHEREAS, Bessie Lockett was born to Lonnie Jane Burks Lockett and Eddie Davis Lockett in Harpersville, Mississippi on July 20, 1939; her family moved to Jackson, Mississippi in 1949, where she graduated from Lanier High School in 1956; her family moved to Chicago in 1960; she earned her associate's degree in Liberal Arts from Kennedy King College in 1991; and

6

7

8

9

10

11

WHEREAS, Bessie Lockett volunteered as a candy striper at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Chicago in 1962; she later became nutritionist supervisor of the hospital's Dietary Department in 1964; she dedicated 35 years of service to St. Elizabeth's; and

12

13

14

15

16

WHEREAS, Bessie Lockett was extremely dedicated to her community, serving as president of the 800 E. 88th Place/Dauphin Avenue Civic Organization and coordinator of the Beautification Committee for many years; and

17

18

19

20

WHEREAS, Bessie Lockett attended Midway Missionary Baptist Church in Harpersville, Mississippi as a child; she became a

21

1 member of China Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson,  
2 Mississippi after her high school graduation; she became a  
3 member of Liberty Baptist Church in Chicago in the 1960s,  
4 where she served as a member of the original Official Greeters  
5 and Unity Circle Club; she also became involved with teaching  
6 the intermediate union in the Baptist Training Union; later in  
7 life, she became a member of New Bethlehem #4 Missionary  
8 Baptist Church, where she assisted with the pantry and  
9 costuming children during productions, and she participated in  
10 Sunday school; she was also a member of the church's weekly  
11 teaching ministry, Saturday Night Live/Life Lessons; and

12 WHEREAS, Bessie Lockett was preceded in death by her  
13 parents; her brother, Eddie Kirkland Lockett; and her  
14 son-in-law, Gregory A. Hart; and

15 WHEREAS, Bessie Lockett is survived by her daughter,  
16 Debbie Lockett-Hart; her relatives, Bonnie Clark, Penny Black,  
17 and Tony Kennedy; and a host of neighbors and friends;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we mourn the passing of Bessie Mae Lockett and extend our  
22 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
23 and loved her; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Bessie Lockett as an expression of  
3 our deepest sympathy.