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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 Roberta Calyen of Chicago, who passed away on February 12, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Roberta Calyen was born on June 5, 1926 in Lexington, Mississippi; her parents were Henry Smith and Clara Raleigh; she married Richard C. Calyen in 1947, and they were blessed with five children; and

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WHEREAS, Roberta Calyen left the South for Chicago in 1946; upon arriving in Chicago, she joined and became an active member of the Mt. Hebron MBC, where she served on the usher board; she later became a member of the Christian Valley Baptist Church; and

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WHEREAS, Roberta Calyen worked in the retail field for many years until her health intervened; and

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WHEREAS, Roberta Calyen enjoyed gardening and socializing with neighbors and friends on her front porch; and

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WHEREAS, Roberta Calyen was preceded in death by her sisters, Clara Newsome, Azalee Richmond, and Annie Smith; her brothers, G and Buddy Smith; her children, Shirley Deer and

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1 Ricky Calyen; and her grandson, Richard Darnell Calyen; and

2 WHEREAS, Roberta Calyen is survived by her brother, Sam
3 Smith; her daughters, Alberta Frencher and Clementine Gilbert
4 (Melvin); her son, Anthony Calyen; her grandchildren, Henry
5 Calyen, Derrick Luckie, Reginald, Dennis (Barbara), and Darryl
6 Deer, April Tolbert (Norvell), Donald Christopher Hardaway,
7 Anthony Calyen, Yolanda Smith (Marcus), Nicole Payton, Darrius
8 Calyen, and Brandon and Durran Davis; and her
9 great-grandchildren, Myiesha, Marcus Jr., and Maurion Smith,
10 Tony Calyen, Neika, Ranae, and Lexi Payton, Kaleb, Kanaan, and
11 Trinity Deer, Brittany and Jaykila Hardaway, and Andrew
12 Tolbert; and

13 WHEREAS, Roberta Calyen will be remembered by all who knew
14 and loved her as a faithful, independent, and outspoken wife
15 and mother with an unwavering faith in God; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of
19 Roberta Calyen; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Roberta Calyen as an expression of
22 our sympathy.