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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 Mary
4 Annis Toran Smith of Chicago; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary Toran Smith was born on September 13, 1918,
6 in Chicago to Hoseanna L. and Frank B. Toran; she graduated
7 from Carter Elementary School and Englewood High School; she
8 attended Wilson Junior College and Chicago's Washburn Trade
9 School; she married James H.L. Smith, Jr. in 1943; and

10 WHEREAS, Mary Toran Smith became a member and was baptized
11 at Greater Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church; she was very
12 active in the church and was a member of the Christian Monarchs
13 and the Les Femmes de Service, the auxiliary group for women;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Mary Toran Smith worked for a number of local
16 businesses, and enjoyed a vibrant social life, frequenting some
17 of Chicago's heralded music and entertainment venues,
18 including Club De Lisa, The Pershing Hotel, The Grand Ballroom,
19 and the Palm Tavern; she loved dance, travel, and good food and
20 music; and

21 WHEREAS, Mary Toran Smith began working for the Chicago

1 Police Department in the Data Records Department in 1962 and
2 would be there for 40 years; upon retirement, she was honored
3 with a commendation from President George W. Bush for her
4 distinguished service; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary Toran Smith took full advantage of what
6 Chicago had to offer, from shopping in the Loop to taking in
7 the sights around the city; her favorite past-times were
8 watching westerns, late-night talk shows, and classic movies;
9 she watched all 4 of her sons get married and become fathers
10 themselves; she loved being a grandmother and being involved in
11 her families' lives; and

12 WHEREAS, Mary Toran Smith was preceded in death by
13 brothers, Arthur and Edward; her sisters, Ruth and Alzada; her
14 husband, James H.L. Smith; and her sons, Michael W. Smith and
15 Frederick L. Smith; and

16 WHEREAS, Mary Toran Smith is survived by her sons, Leonard
17 S. Smith and Sidney B. Smith (Joyce); her step-daughter, Sylvia
18 Washington; her grandchildren, Caroline J. Smith, Derrick
19 Dorsey Whitehead, Ayanna Anderson (Wayne), Aisha Madhi
20 (Ahmed), Aliya Brown (Torrey), Noel Johnson, Deen King-Smith,
21 and Marian Toran Smith; and her many great-grandchildren,
22 nieces, nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we mourn the passing of Mary Toran Smith, and we extend our
4 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
5 and loved her; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Mary Toran Smith as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.