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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 Letha West, who passed away on October 13, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Letha West was born on July 13, 1916 in Crystal
6 Springs, Mississippi; her parents were Louella and Green
7 Lofton; she married William West, Jr. on June 15, 1940; and

8 WHEREAS, Letha West was educated in Greenville,
9 Mississippi, where she received her elementary and secondary
10 education certificates; in the late 1940s, she and her husband
11 moved to Chicago, where they became members of Zion Hill
12 Missionary Baptist Church in 1948; she worked diligently at
13 Zion Hill on the Nurses Board and the Mother's Board; she also
14 enjoyed Sunday school; and

15 WHEREAS, Letha West worked in manufacturing at John E. Fast
16 & Company for over 25 years, where she developed condensers
17 until her retirement; and

18 WHEREAS, Letha West was preceded in death by her parents
19 and her siblings, David Lofton, Sr. (Becky), Neasia Lofton
20 Price (Riley), and Mother Pinkie Lee (James) Ward; and

1 WHEREAS, Letha West is survived by her daughters, Doris
2 Vernell and Shirley Ann; her sons-in-law, Charles Myhand and
3 Frank Quabena Antwi-Barfi; her brother, Frederick (Roxie)
4 Penner; her sister, Arveal "Pat" (Julius) Scott; her
5 grandchildren, Kuchambi Charles (Laurie) Myhand, Osayande
6 William Myhand, Shomari Abasi Myhand, Amma Letha Antwi-Barfi,
7 and Adwoa Victoria Antwi-Barfi; her great-granddaughter, Nandi
8 Burton Myhand; her nieces, Denese Penner-Smith, Min. Julia Lee
9 (Calvin) Carter, Pinkie (Rev. Thaddeus) Wills, Cassandra
10 Jenkins (O'Brian), Aleria Michelle Lofton, Gwendolyn Smith
11 Johnson, Grace Rowell, and Denise (Gary) Moore; her nephews,
12 Zachery Penner, Riley Price, Jr., Cornell (Anita) Scott, John
13 Smith, Jr., Alaric Penner (Meredith Yacar), Julius Scott, Jr.,
14 and Stanley Troy Scott; her great-nieces, Amana Johari Hemy
15 (Ray), Cyntria Richardson, Charmaine Street, Latonya (Marcus)
16 Turner, and Leticia Wills; her great-nephews, Asante Allen and
17 Rashad David Lofton; and many other relatives, special friends,
18 and church families; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we, along with her family and friends, mourn the passing of
22 Mother Letha West; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
24 presented to the family of Letha West as an expression of our

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