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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Honorable Wyvetter H. Younge was one of the  
3 longest serving representatives in the Illinois House of  
4 Representatives; she was first elected to the House in 1975  
5 and made urban renewal one of her top priorities; and

6           WHEREAS, Rep. Younge was born on August 23, 1930 in St.  
7 Louis, Missouri, the youngest of five children; her mother,  
8 Annie Hoover, managed a restaurant in East St. Louis, and her  
9 father sold insurance and owned various properties; and

10           WHEREAS, Rep. Younge graduated from Lincoln Senior High  
11 School in East St. Louis; after graduating, she attended the  
12 Hampton Institute for her undergraduate degree; in 1953, she  
13 earned a law degree from the St. Louis University School of  
14 Law, and in 1972, she earned a second law degree from the  
15 Washington University School of Law; and

16           WHEREAS, While in Springfield, Rep. Younge was a true  
17 champion for the people of her district; many of the bills she  
18 sponsored focused on issues such as substance abuse treatment,  
19 services for the homeless, and economic development in St.  
20 Clair County; after her passing, Illinois House Speaker  
21 Michael Madigan told reporters, "Wyvetter was a tireless  
22 advocate for East St. Louis who never stopped trying to

1 improve the lives of her constituents"; and

2 WHEREAS, The East St Louis Higher Education Center offers  
3 educational courses and programs with collaborative partners,  
4 including community colleges and Southern Illinois University  
5 Edwardsville; higher education and training have been offered  
6 at the center since 1999 after the closing of the Metropolitan  
7 Community College; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 as a means to remember the great work of Rep. Wyvetter H.  
11 Younge, the General Assembly is urged to change the name of the  
12 East St. Louis Higher Education Center to the Wyvetter H.  
13 Younge Higher Education Center; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 delivered to the Speaker of the House, the Senate President,  
16 the House Minority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, and the  
17 East St. Louis Higher Education Center.