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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor individuals whose lives  
4 of service, leadership, and integrity have made a lasting  
5 impact on the State of Illinois and the nation; and

6           WHEREAS, Roland W. Burris has dedicated his life to public  
7 service, becoming one of Illinois' most accomplished and  
8 trailblazing public officials; and

9           WHEREAS, Roland Burris was born on August 3, 1937 in  
10 Centralia and rose from humble beginnings to achieve academic  
11 excellence, earning degrees from Southern Illinois University  
12 and the University of Hamburg in Germany; and

13           WHEREAS, Roland Burris made history as the first African  
14 American elected to statewide office in Illinois, serving as  
15 Illinois Comptroller from 1979 to 1991 and later as Illinois  
16 Attorney General from 1991 to 1995; and

17           WHEREAS, In these roles, Roland Burris earned a reputation  
18 for integrity, professionalism, and a steadfast commitment to  
19 justice, fiscal responsibility, and public accountability; and

20           WHEREAS, In 2009, Roland Burris was appointed to the

1 United States Senate, where he continued his legacy of service  
2 by advocating for civil rights, economic opportunity, and  
3 fairness for all Americans; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Roland  
5 Burris has remained a champion for equity and inclusion,  
6 helping to open doors for generations of leaders who followed  
7 in his path; and

8 WHEREAS, The contributions Roland Burris has made to the  
9 City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and the United States  
10 reflect a lifetime of principled leadership and unwavering  
11 dedication to the public good; and

12 WHEREAS, The I AM HER Foundation will host its annual  
13 fundraiser on March 21, 2026 in honor of Roland Burris,  
14 celebrating his lifelong commitment to justice, equity, and  
15 principled leadership; and

16 WHEREAS, It is fitting that we honor Roland Burris while  
17 he can witness the appreciation and gratitude of the people he  
18 has served; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we honor Roland W. Burris for his extraordinary life, legacy,

1 and contributions to public service; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That we extend our sincere appreciation to  
3 Roland Burris for his decades of leadership, his  
4 groundbreaking achievements, and his enduring commitment to  
5 justice and equality; and be it further

6       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to Roland Burris as a symbol of our respect and  
8 esteem.