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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Minister George H. Scott Jr. of Rockford, who passed away on January 17, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Minister Scott was president of the Rockford branch of the NAACP; his life was a testament to perseverance, excellence, and an unwavering commitment to justice and community empowerment; he was a driving force for progress, working tirelessly to build a more equitable world; and

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WHEREAS, Minister Scott was born to George H. Scott Sr. and Helen Scott on August 9, 1962; after attending Haskell Elementary School, his athletic abilities began to soar at Roosevelt Middle School, where he set record times in the 400-yard dash; his dedication to sports continued at West High School, where he excelled in football and track; after earning his associate's degree from Rock Valley College, he majored in philosophy and religion at Stillman College and distinguished himself as a Freeland Scholar for his commitment to intellectual exploration; he earned his master's degree and doctorate at GMOR Theological Institute; and

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WHEREAS, Minister Scott devoted 35 years to a distinguished career at Stellantis, where he served in

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1 management across multiple departments and shaped operations  
2 with his expertise and innovative leadership, earning the  
3 lasting respect of his colleagues; and

4 WHEREAS, Minister Scott was a pillar of the Rockford  
5 community, becoming president of the Rockford branch of the  
6 NAACP in 2022 and presiding over 18 committees dedicated to  
7 fighting injustice; his leadership drove significant  
8 initiatives, including the organization of Black history  
9 events at the historic Coronado Theatre, the City-Wide Unity  
10 Picnic at Levings Park, and the Race Summit; he helped  
11 establish a credit union to empower residents financially,  
12 pushed for the planting of community gardens to ensure access  
13 to fresh food for all, and was actively working at the time of  
14 his death to bring a mobile grocery to underserved areas; and

15 WHEREAS, Minister Scott was a family man at heart and a  
16 devoted husband, father, and grandfather; his legacy of love,  
17 resilience, and advocacy will continue to inspire his family;  
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19 WHEREAS, Minister Scott was preceded in death by his  
20 parents and his first wife, Rosalia Day-Scott; and

21 WHEREAS, Minister Scott is survived by his wife, Angela  
22 Scott; his children, George H. Scott III, Dejanae, and

1 Isabella; his four grandchildren; his brothers, Jay Macklin,  
2 David E. Scott Sr., and Randy (Patricia) Scott Sr.; his  
3 sisters, Lia D. (Anthony) Curry and Melissa Scott; his special  
4 family member, Jasmanee Cook; and a host of relatives,  
5 friends, and community members whose lives he touched;  
6 therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 Minister George H. Scott Jr. and extend our sincere  
10 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
11 him; and be it further

12       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Minister Scott as an expression of  
14 our deepest sympathy.