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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 Reverend
4 Marcethia Lynette Scales, who passed away on May 13, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Scales was born in Chicago to Marcel
6 Martin and Margaret Peterson on May 2, 1961; early in life, she
7 taught herself how to play the piano and keyboard, and she
8 committed to her faith at the First Baptist Church in Melrose
9 Park under the leadership of the Reverend Henry McNelty; she
10 graduated from John Marshall High School and then pursued a
11 degree in mathematics at the Florida Institute of Technology;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Scales was employed at the McDonald
14 Corporation in Oakbrook for many years; she later moved on to
15 Hendrickson Bumper & Steel, a Bohler Company, in Joliet, where
16 she was a devoted and enthusiastic employee; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Scales joined the Christian Unity
18 Missionary Baptist Church (CUC) in Bellwood under the
19 leadership of Pastor Willie B. Dugan in 1993; she was ordained
20 as a minister of the Gospel on October 24, 2001; with her
21 strong passion to serve at her home church, she taught Sunday
22 School, was a member of the Ministerial staff, a prayer

1 warrior, and president of the choir, as well as part of the
2 King Daughters Ministry, and the Shepherd's Ministry; through
3 her sermons, prayers, and songs, she uplifted many spirits and
4 led many closer to their faith; she never hesitated to go
5 beyond the call of duty to serve and assist whenever and
6 wherever she could; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Scales was awarded the King Daughters
8 Remarkable Woman Award in 2017; she enjoyed sewing, embroidery,
9 and spending time with her family; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Scales was preceded in death by her
11 grandparents, Isaac and Lucille Underwood; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Scales is survived by her mother,
13 Margaret Holmes; her son, James Sean Scales; her sisters,
14 Rosalind Holder, Eva (Darryl) Holder, and Jimmette (Robbie)
15 Barkley; her special friend, Brandon Barker; her CUC family;
16 and her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews,
17 cousins, relatives, and friends; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 mourn the passing of Reverend Marcethia Lynette Scales and
21 extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all
22 who knew and loved her; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Reverend Scales as an expression of
3 our deepest sympathy.