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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Fannie Mae Brisco-Melvin Rayford; and

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WHEREAS, Fannie Rayford was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi on November 13, 1942 to Charlie and Laura Brisco; she graduated from Rose A. Temple High School; she relocated to Aurora, where she met and was united in marriage to Thomas Melvin, Sr.; she later met George Rayford in 1970 and they were united in marriage 1982; and

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WHEREAS, Fannie Rayford retired from Furnas Electric in 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Fannie Rayford was a member of Progressive Baptist Church, where she was very active in the choir and various committees; in 1998, she joined New Community Baptist Church and became its First Lady under the leadership of her husband, Servant George Rayford; she was ordained as an Evangelist in June of 2007; she enjoyed life to the fullest; she loved to cook and share a good laugh and was an avid card player; and

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WHEREAS, Fannie Rayford is survived by her husband of over 44 years, Servant George Rayford; her daughter, Debra (Ronnie);

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1 her sons, Earl Melvin, Deion (Beverly) Melvin, Thomas (Anita)
2 Melvin, Jr., Roderick Rayford, Tonya Rayford Jones, Ercil
3 Rayford, and Donald Rayford; her siblings, Berdia (Leon) Casey,
4 Joe (Linda) Brisco, Gertrude (Ernest) Thomas, Albert
5 (Beatrice) Brisco, and Roger Brisco; her in-laws, James
6 (Barbara) Rayford, Larry C. Rayford, Johnny (Daisy) Rayford,
7 Aaron (Jeanette) Rayford, Pastor Van (Diane) Rayford, Pastor
8 Eddie Rayford, Dr. Richard (Dr. Edith) Rayford, Dr. Walter
9 Rayford, Truly Banks, Geneva Rubin, and Claudette (James)
10 Marion; her uncle, Joe Sanderson; her aunts, Luella Wolfe,
11 Willie Jean Smith, and Ora Mae Rayford; her 23 grandchildren;
12 and her 22 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 mourn the passing of Fannie Mae Brisco-Melvin Rayford, and
16 extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all
17 who knew and loved her; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Fannie Rayford as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.