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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 Pastor
4 Jeffery Ivory Sr. of Peoria, who passed away on May 8, 2013;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Jeffery Ivory Sr. was born on November 20, 1933,
7 in Gainesville, Alabama, and was raised in York, Alabama; his
8 parents were John L. and Sephronia Ivory; he married Gladys
9 Sturdivant on August 20, 1953, in Meridian, Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, Jeffery Ivory Sr. retired from Allied and Hyster's
11 Construction Companies in 1973 before being called to the
12 pastorship; he served as Pastor of Grace Baptist Church for 40
13 years and directed the church's activities; during his
14 leadership, the church grew to over 800 members; and

15 WHEREAS, Jeffery Ivory Sr. was a past moderator of the
16 Central District Association, past president of the Baptist
17 Ministerial Alliance and the Central District Congress of
18 Christian Education, and a member of the Peoria Christian
19 Leadership Council; he was also a past board member of the
20 Minority Affairs Council for the Illinois Department of
21 Transportation for District 4, dedicated to improving minority
22 participation for black contractors, and a past board member of

1 the Central Illinois Black Expo; and

2 WHEREAS, Jeffery Ivory Sr. enjoyed watching the Chicago
3 Cubs, fishing, and cooking; he also enjoyed spending time with
4 his wife, children, grandchildren, and church family; and

5 WHEREAS, Jeffery Ivory Sr. is preceded in death by his
6 parents; his son, Jeffery Ivory, Jr.; his daughter, Erica Dawn
7 Ivory; and his 3 brothers and 2 sisters; and

8 WHEREAS, Jeffery Ivory Sr. is survived by his beloved wife
9 of almost 60 years, Gladys Ivory; his sons, Ricky (Carolyn)
10 Ivory, Larry (Janis) Ivory, Rodney (Jennifer) Ivory, and Darren
11 Ivory; his daughters, Lorraine (William) Sephus, Teresa
12 (Lonnie) Hayes, Beverly (Eric) Cameron, and Ariel Ivory; his
13 sister, Marjorite Shelton; his 18 grandchildren; his 22
14 great-grandchildren; his 3 great-great-grandchildren; his
15 godson, Jamar Thomas; his many nieces, nephews, other
16 relatives, and friends; and his Grace Baptist Church family;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
21 Pastor Jeffery Ivory Sr.; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Jeffery Ivory Sr. as an expression
3 of our sympathy.