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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Rev.
4 George Marshall, Jr.; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Marshall was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi
6 to George, Sr. and Elizabeth "Barbara" Marshall on June 1,
7 1936; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Marshall relocated to Illinois in 1956 and
9 joined Gayles Memorial Baptist Church; in 1958, he was
10 appointed as a Deacon; from 1963 to 1968, he served as Gayles
11 Memorial Baptist Church went through transitions from the May
12 Street location to the YMCA location, and finally to its
13 current location on Gillette Avenue; during that time, he was
14 appointed as the Sunday School Superintendent, serving for 18
15 years; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Marshall continued his education by
attending a 2-year study program at Waubonsee Community
College; from 1972 to 1989, he was a student of biblical
studies at the Chicago Baptist Institute, the Moody Bible
Institute, and the Church and Family Institute in Bethany,
Oklahoma; and

1 WHEREAS, Rev. Marshall confessed his calling to the
2 ministry on December 19, 1975; he gave his first sermon on
3 January 3, 1976 and was ordained as a Minister on June 1, 1976;
4 he was elected to be the Pastor of Gayles Memorial Baptist
5 Church in June of 1981; under his leadership, the congregation
6 grew and a new sanctuary was dedicated on May 20, 1984; and

7 WHEREAS, Rev. Marshall dedicated many years to Gayles
8 Memorial Baptist Church and the Aurora Community; he served as
9 a Chaplain for the State of Illinois Department of Corrections
10 and on the Board of Directors for "One Church for One Child"
11 and "Habitat for Humanity"; he served as President for
12 Minister's Alliance for 2 years and on the Board of Directors
13 for the "Hessed House" for 3 years; under his guidance and
14 leadership, many ministries and auxiliaries have been
15 established; he worked with the Board of Trustees, the Youth
16 Choir, the Children's Church, the Hospitality Committee,
17 Nurse's Aide, the Male Chorus, the Women's Choir, the
18 Performing Arts Ministry, and the Media Ministry; and

19 WHEREAS, Rev. Marshall was preceded in death by his
20 parents; his sister, Elizabeth (Samuel, deceased) McGhee; his 3
21 brothers, Eddie (Theresa) Marshall, Roscoe (Rosie) Marshall,
22 and Wesley (Albirda) Marshall; Lawson (Beatrice) Smith; his
23 father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jasper and Marcella Price;
24 and his son, Scottie Marshall; and

1 WHEREAS, Rev. Marshall is survived by his wife of 54 years,
2 Barbara; his 2 sons, James Marshall and Marc Marshall; his 6
3 daughters, Betty (King), Mildred (Alfred Turner), Sharon
4 (Clark), Vanessa (Treves Williams), Julita (Jeff McGowan), and
5 Phyllis (Eugene Brown); a host of grandchildren,
6 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins; his special
7 friend and mentor, Rev. Truman B. Hazelwood; his special
8 friends, Deacon Arthur Harden and Min. Lillie Harden; and
9 numerous church members and friends; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 mourn the passing of Rev. George Marshall, Jr., and extend our
13 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
14 and loved him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Rev. Marshall as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.