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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 passing of the former village president of Maywood, Ralph Conner, who passed away on March 13, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on April 20, 1948 in Maywood; he and his wife, Arletha, met as community activists in 1971 and married in 1974; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Conner was a popular spokesman for taxpayers, government reform, school choice, gun rights, and other issues; he often appeared as a pundit on Comcast, WTTW, and Bruce DuMont's nationally syndicated "Beyond the Beltway" radio program; and

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WHEREAS, In 2008, Mr. Conner launched the Chicago office of the Congress of Racial Equality; in 2009, he appeared in "No Guns for Negroes," a documentary film on the Second Amendment; he was working on a film on black World War II veterans when he died; and

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WHEREAS, During his twenty years of public service, he served as Maywood village president, director of planning and development/building commissioner, and enterprise zone

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1 administrator; in 2005 he took the position of local government
2 relations manager for the Heartland Institute; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Conner also worked with the U.S. Conference of
4 Mayors and the Illinois Terrorism Task Force and was a
5 certified Illinois assessing official; and

6 WHEREAS, Ralph Conner is survived by his wife, Arletha
7 Conner; his daughters, Isis Aida Ogoun Conner and Zenzi Dara
8 Dayo Conner; his sons, Ralph W. Conner Jr. and Thomas Leon
9 Conner; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Ralph
13 Conner; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Ralph Conner as a symbol of our
16 sincere sympathy.