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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 Frances (nee Silvers) Kennedy of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Frances Kennedy was born on September 12, 1921 in Nashville, Tennessee to LeRoy A. and Mary Silvers; she graduated from Pearl High School in 1940, where she was chosen as Miss Pearl High; she studied Business and Real Estate Law at Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State College (now Tennessee State University) and Northwestern University in Chicago; she married Reverend Walter E. Kennedy in June of 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Frances Kennedy had a diverse career in real estate and various product and service-related businesses; she was the first woman supervisor for the Chicago Federation of Musicians Employers Welfare Fund; and

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WHEREAS, Frances Kennedy was active in her church; she was a member of the Steward Board, the Altar Guild, and the Women's Christian Fellowship of the Progressive Community Center, the Peoples Church; she later became the President of the 1st Pastor's Concerns Council and a member of the Mother's Board at Greater Zion Temple Missionary Baptist Church; she was also

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1 active as a member of the National Association for the
2 Advancement of Colored People, the Greenview Park Community
3 Council, Progressive Day Care, and numerous other civic and
4 social organizations; and

5 WHEREAS, Frances Kennedy was preceded in death by her
6 husband, Walter; her parents; and her siblings, Jessie Silvers
7 and William Pillow; and

8 WHEREAS, Frances Kennedy is survived by her son, Leroy E.
9 Kennedy; her grandchildren, Ryan, Jasmine, Pamela, Gaines
10 (Skipper), Karl, Michelle, Deborah, and Dorothy; her
11 great-grandchildren; her nieces, Barbara and Delores; her
12 in-laws, Pamela and Dorothy; and her nephews, cousins, and dear
13 friends; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn the passing of Frances Kennedy, and extend our sincere
17 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
18 her; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Frances Kennedy as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.