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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 Carolyn Rush of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Carolyn Rush was born in Memphis, Tennessee on May 27, 1949; she moved to Chicago at an early age; she graduated from Hirsch High School and Roosevelt University in Chicago with high honors with a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership; and

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WHEREAS, Carolyn Rush served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Beloved Community Family Services, an organization whose mission is to provide a network of compassionate services that promote the cultural, economic, and social well-being of youth and families in the Englewood and surrounding communities; and

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WHEREAS, Carolyn Rush's professional career includes four years of service as the creator and administrator of the Banking Development Program for the Treasurer of the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Carolyn Rush worked as a community organizer, precinct captain, and political strategist in many campaigns;

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1 she was instrumental in the civil rights movement, working to
2 end discrimination in housing and employment; and

3 WHEREAS, Carolyn Rush was the longtime political advisor to
4 her husband, U.S. Congressman Bobby Rush, and served as First
5 Lady of the Beloved Community Church of God in Christ, a church
6 founded by her husband; she also served the Church in a
7 leadership capacity through her diligent work in the Church's
8 Core Leadership Group; and

9 WHEREAS, Carolyn Rush was an avid gardener and enjoyed
10 antiquing and exploring her interest in vintage architecture;
11 she loved to read and developed an interest in writing; and

12 WHEREAS, Carolyn Rush is survived by her husband of 36
13 years, U.S. Congressman Bobby Rush; six children; and 14
14 grandchildren; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 mourn the passing of Carolyn Rush, and extend our sincere
18 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
19 her; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Carolyn Rush as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.