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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of James 4 McKinley "Roosevelt" Barry, who passed away on May 12, 2017; 5 and

WHEREAS, James Barry was born in Etta, Mississippi to Rev. McKinley and Fletter Bruce Barry on September 24, 1934; he was a member of Flint Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Oxford, Mississippi and graduated from Oxford Training School in 1956, where he played football; he served in the United States Army for two years starting in 1956; he married Zellner in 1969 and earned his associate's degree from Kennedy King College in 1971; he received a degree in auto mechanics from Greer Technical Institute; and

WHEREAS, James Barry worked for the United States Post Office in Chicago; later, he became a supervisor of fueling and cleaning at United Airlines for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, James Barry was a member of the Oxford Training School Alumni Association; he was a member of Bellevue Baptist Church, where he served on the maintenance committee and was instrumental in the planning process for the Bellevue Ministry Center; he enjoyed gardening and reading the latest edition of

- the Oxford Eagle; and
- 2 WHEREAS, James Barry was preceded in death by his parents
- 3 and his siblings, Mildred Barry, Ardelia McJunkins, Edward
- 4 Barry, Roy L. Barry, Melvin Barry, Fred Barry, and Sam W.
- 5 Barry; and
- 6 WHEREAS, James Barry is survived by his wife, Zellner; his
- 7 children, Bruce Dewayne (Tasha) Henry, Bernard McKinley (Gina)
- 8 Barry, and Ronald A. Barry; his grandchildren, Bianca Barry,
- 9 Terrel Barry, Brandi Henry, Kaleah Henry, Saniyya Henry, and
- 10 Xavier McKinley Barry; his great-grandchildren, Hunter,
- 11 Madyson, and Marlee; his godchildren, Robbie Douglas, Sherry
- 12 Alford, Shelly Ward, and Sharon Green; his sisters, Marie
- Humes, Rev. Lois Glover, and Annie Williams; and numerous
- 14 nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends; 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 James McKinley "Roosevelt" Barry, and
- 18 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
- 19 who knew and loved him; and be it further
- 20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 21 presented to the family of James Barry as an expression of our
- deepest sympathy.