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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Mother  
4 Gladys "Sweet" Ivory of Peoria, who passed away on February 6,  
5 2024; and

6           WHEREAS, Mother Ivory was born in York, Alabama to Tom Sr.  
7 and Armetta (Pearson) Sturdivant on November 8, 1937; she  
8 married Pastor Jeffery Ivory Sr. in Meridian, Mississippi on  
9 August 20, 1953; and

10           WHEREAS, Mother Ivory worked at Caterpillar for 34 years;  
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12           WHEREAS, Mother Ivory was the First Lady at Grace Baptist  
13 Church for over 50 years; she served on the women's ministry  
14 and was a member of the Voices of Heaven choir; she loved  
15 singing and was known for her melody arrangements of praise  
16 and worship songs during devotion on Sunday mornings; and

17           WHEREAS, Mother Ivory loved spending time with her family  
18 and wearing stylish hats; she enjoyed knitting, cooking,  
19 singing, and bowling in a league; she was known for her loving  
20 and compassionate heart, being the type of person who would  
21 take in someone in need, and she helped mentor young women gain

1 life skills through the Valeska Hinton GED program; and

2 WHEREAS, Mother Ivory was preceded in death by her husband  
3 of 60 years, Jeffery; her parents; her son, Jeffery Ivory Jr.;  
4 her daughter, Erica Ivory; her sisters, Dorothy Lard and Annie  
5 Nelson; her granddaughter, Glenda Cayson; and her grandson,  
6 Troy Irving Jr.; and

7 WHEREAS, Mother Ivory is survived by her sons, Ricky  
8 (Carolyn) Ivory, Larry (Janis) Ivory, Rodney (Jennifer) Ivory,  
9 and Darren Ivory; her daughters, Lorraine (William) Sephus,  
10 Beverly Cameron, Teresa (Lonnie) Ivory-Hayes, and Ariel Ivory;  
11 21 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 22  
12 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, other  
13 family members, and friends; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we mourn the passing of Mother Gladys "Sweet" Ivory and extend  
17 our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who  
18 knew and loved her; and be it further

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