



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Ivadale Foster has been involved in public service
3 for more than four decades; and

4 WHEREAS, She was born Ivadale Marie Foulks in Sidney in
5 1922; her father was a farmer; they moved to Danville at age 5,
6 and were one of the only African-American families on their
7 street; and

8 WHEREAS, During the 1960s, she worked with the mayor
9 through neighborhood block clubs to help bring about
10 improvements in her Danville neighborhood; in 1980, she ran for
11 and won a seat on the Vermilion County Board to focus on more
12 human problems; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Foster will observe 25 years on the Vermilion
14 County Board this year; she has served as a member of the
15 health and education committee since she first joined the
16 board, and has been chairman for the past 14 years; during that
17 time, she has seen the establishment of county programs that
18 provide supplemental nutrition to women and children and
19 programs that tackle teen pregnancy and school dropouts; and

20 WHEREAS, She is also proud to see the Vermilion County
21 Health Department and Vermilion County Department of Animal
22 Regulations moved into larger, renovated headquarters; and

23 WHEREAS, Outside the board, Ms. Foster enjoys playing the
24 piano; she's been a church pianist for 71 years, playing 45
25 years with Union Missionary Baptist Church before recently
26 returning to Allen Chapel AME Church; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
28 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
29 we congratulate Ivadale Foster on four decades of community

1 service work and on 25 years as a member of the Vermilion
2 County Board; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to her as an expression of our respect and esteem and
5 with our thanks for her devotion to the people of Vermilion
6 County.