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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Charles S. Childs, Jr., co-owner of A.A. Rayner & Sons Modern Funeral Service in Chicago, is the first African American to head the Illinois Funeral Director's Association; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Childs will be the 117th president and will be installed on June 27, 2006; the Illinois Funeral Directors Association is one of the oldest and largest funeral directors associations in the country and was created in 1881; the mission of the IFDA is to provide the resources to support its members in being professionally and operationally superior and to advocate for the funeral service profession; and

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WHEREAS, Since its establishment in 1947, A.A. Rayner & Sons Modern Funeral Service has maintained a heritage of community service and commitment to the community; from the company's founding, its families have supported A.A. Rayner and Company. Ltd.; Mr. Childs is a third generation owner; and

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WHEREAS, A.A. Rayner & Sons Modern Funeral Service was a recipient of the Better Business Bureau's Torch Award, given to those businesses that have "demonstrated their commitment to upholding the trust and respect of their customers, employees, suppliers, industry peers, and the community in which they do business."; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Charles Childs, Jr., on being selected as president of the Illinois Funeral Director's Association; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Childs as an expression of our esteem.

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