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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 Louise Copeland Tankson, who passed away on January 16, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Louise Copeland Tankson was born on December 5, 1929 in Baldwyn, Mississippi; her parents were Nathan and Canaro Copeland; she married Edward Tankson on May 10, 1948; and

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WHEREAS, Louise Copeland Tankson accepted Christ as her Savior at age 13; she was baptized and became a member of Pleasant Ridge Church; in the 1960s, after an invitation from her friend and neighbor, Marion Blackmon, she became a lifelong member of Keystone Baptist Church, where she devoted herself to bringing family and friends to the Lord; and

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WHEREAS, Louise Copeland Tankson attended Smyth Elementary and Medill High School, where she met her future husband, Edward; and

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WHEREAS, Louise Copeland Tankson worked in various fields throughout her life; and

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WHEREAS, Louise Copeland Tankson was preceded in death by

1 her husband and her three siblings; and

2 WHEREAS, Louise Copeland Tankson is survived by her
3 daughters, Brenda Elmore (William), Dena Jenks (David), and
4 Vanessa Beene; her sisters, Ruth Harris, Anna Savage, Lounell
5 Cummings, and Elizabeth Moore (Walter); her brothers, Richard
6 Copeland (Shirley) and David Copeland (Cecilia); her
7 grandchildren, Jenna, Justin, Kendra, William, and Joi; her
8 great-grandchildren, Cheyenne, Tiara, Jaden, and Maya Louise;
9 and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

10 WHEREAS, Louise Copeland Tankson will be remembered by all
11 who knew and loved her as a kind, compassionate, and wise
12 person that drew others to her and whose home was a welcoming
13 haven to all who sought comfort; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of Louise
17 Copeland Tankson; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Louise Copeland Tankson as an
20 expression of our sympathy.