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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 Reverend James L. Demus III, who passed away on September 23, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend James Demus III was a graduate of Northern Illinois University and McCormick Theological Seminary; he also studied at Harvard Divinity School; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend James Demus III served as Senior Pastor of Park Manor Christian Church in Chicago since September of 1985; under his inspired leadership, the Park Manor Christian Church has flourished as one of the largest and most influential African-American congregations in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and

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WHEREAS, Reverend James Demus III served as the Executive Director of the Chicago South Side Branch of the NAACP; he was a founder of the Ministerial Alliance Against the Digital Divide; he was also the Co-Convener of the Disciples Justice Action Network; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend James Demus III was the recipient of numerous awards and certificates, including the prestigious Community Service Fellowship of the Chicago Community Trust;

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2 WHEREAS, Reverend James Demus III is survived by his wife,
3 Eleanor; his 5 children; his 6 grandchildren; his numerous
4 God-children; and the loving members of the congregation of
5 Park Manor Christian Church; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
9 Reverend James L. Demus III; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Reverend James Demus III as an
12 expression of our sympathy.