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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 Bishop Frank M. Munsey of Munster, Indiana, who passed away on February 5, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Frank Munsey was born on August 11, 1930; his parents were Frank and Eva Munsey of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Frank Munsey was the founder and Pastor Emeritus of Family Christian Center (FCC), a mega-church of more than 17,000 in Munster, Indiana, having founded the church in 1953; he remained at FCC until 1985, when his son, the Reverend Steve Munsey, assumed charge of the church; the FCC is known for sermons that fuse the Gospels with high-tech theatrics and its diverse outreach programs; and

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WHEREAS, Under the leadership of and following the example of Bishop Frank Munsey, the Family Christian Center has distributed five million tons of food to local families; the church's hospital ministry sends chaplains to 23 local hospitals; five Correctional Facilities within the Northwest Indiana-Chicagoland area receive hope for a new life through FCC's prison ministry; FCC also provides spiritual and financial help to missionaries in more than 10 countries,

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1 supporting orphanages, schools, and churches through world
2 missions; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1985, Bishop Frank Munsey left pastoral care
4 and focused on world missions; he ministered in 105 countries
5 before settling in Sofia, Bulgaria, where, in 1992, he and his
6 wife began the American English Academy, a school that provides
7 excellence in education under a Christian banner in a largely
8 un-churched nation; the academy's 175 students hail from 31
9 countries; and

10 WHEREAS, Bishop Frank Munsey was preceded in death by his
11 parents and his siblings, Kenneth Munsey and Frances Munsey;
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13 WHEREAS, Bishop Frank Munsey is survived by his wife of
14 nearly 60 years, Ruth (nee McConley); his brother, Darrel
15 Munsey (Carolyn); his children, Stephan K. Munsey (Melodye),
16 Joe D. Munsey (Robin), Phillip M. Munsey (Jeannie), and Sheila
17 R. Munsey Gerald (Kevin; his 9 grandchildren; his 10
18 great-grandchildren; and his many sisters and brothers-in-law,
19 nieces and nephews, friends, and colleagues; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of

1 Bishop Frank M. Munsey; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Bishop Frank Munsey as an expression
4 of our sympathy.