

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Indigency has been a persistent social problem  
3 throughout history and has reached an intolerable level  
4 throughout our country; and

5 WHEREAS, People in urban, suburban, and rural areas of  
6 Illinois experience indigency, proving that it is not just a  
7 big city problem; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year sees an increase in the number of  
9 deaths among those who lack funds to provide the barest  
10 essentials of life; and

11 WHEREAS, Bitter cold winters and extremely hot summers  
12 have cost the lives of those individuals who simply could not  
13 afford heating or air coolants and died from exposure; and

14 WHEREAS, In remembering those who have died, we must  
15 reach out to help those in need; the extent to which our  
16 society can counter the effects of indigency is a good  
17 measure of its humaneness; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
20 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we proclaim Wednesday May 28,  
21 2004, as "We Remember, We Care for Indigent Persons Day in  
22 Illinois", and that we urge all citizens to observe, inform  
23 themselves of, and support efforts to care for the indigent;  
24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
26 presented to W. Earl Lewis, Director of the Memorial Ministry  
27 of Indigent Persons.