

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of
4 Ozella Faye McGavock Mason on September 26, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mason was born on November 8, 1911, to
6 Laura Mae Lewis and Randall Horton McGavock, Jr.; she
7 attended Forestville Elementary School, Englewood and Wendell
8 Phillips High Schools, and Crane Junior College; during her
9 school days, she was an active member of the Sionilli
10 Adelpia Girls' Club; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1929, she met Charles Gay Morrow when they
12 both played basketball as a hobby, he with the Belvideres and
13 she with their sister team, the Val Donnas; the following
14 year, they were married and to this union, two sons were
15 born, Charles II and Byron; and

16 WHEREAS, In the early 1940s, Mrs. Mason was employed by
17 Illinois Bell as a service representative and remained there
18 until her retirement; she was a member of Old Friends of
19 Greater Chicago and the Chicago Couple Club; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mason enjoyed traveling and cherished her
21 memories of Japan, Spain, Mexico, Brazil, and the Caribbean;
22 she especially loved traveling to California to visit her
23 grandchildren and their families; and

24 WHEREAS, In 1982, Ozella Mason married Daniel W. Mason
25 whom she had met several years earlier when he shared a
26 hospital room with her brother; she was preceded in death by
27 her sons, Charles II and Byron, her half-brother, Leonard
28 McGavock, her brother Randall III, and a sister, Mercedes
29 Roberts; and

30 WHEREAS, The passing of Ozella Faye McGavock Mason has
31 been deeply felt by many, especially her husband, Daniel; her

1 sisters, Gwendolyn Dyett Burks and Nasomiruth M. Scott; her
2 stepson, Daniel W. Mason, Jr.; her grandchildren, State
3 Representative Charles Morrow III (Sherri), Cathy Carter
4 (Craig), and Kelly Bradford (Patrick); her
5 great-grandchildren, Charles IV, Micheal, Stephen, CaLynn,
6 Craig, Jr., Camera, Brittany, Blaike, and Blaire; her niece,
7 Donna L. Scott; and her nephews, Louis and Lawrence Roberts;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we mourn the passing of Ozella Faye McGavock Mason, and we
12 extend our deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and all
13 who knew and loved her; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Mrs. Mason as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.