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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Georgie "Gigi" Nicks of Maywood on August 19, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nicks, who was diagnosed with HIV in 1990 and with AIDS four years later, selflessly devoted the last 13 years of her life to educating, empowering, and advocating on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS, both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, She was the Consumer Advocacy Director for the CORE Center of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services; she served on the boards of the Family and Children's AIDS Network in Chicago, the AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families, and the National Women's AIDS Project in Washington, D.C.; she was also Vice President of the HIV Positive Action Coalition in Chicago and a member of the Illinois HIV Prevention Community Planning Group, the Chicago Area Title I Planning Council, and numerous other advisory and planning bodies, both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nicks contributed to several publications relating to AIDS; she was a national trainer for consumers of HIV services; and she was a nationally known speaker on women's health issues, especially women living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nicks viewed her activism as a journey and not as a job, because she thought the purpose of life was to be useful, to be responsible, to be honorable, and to be compassionate; and

WHEREAS, Her passing will be deeply felt by her family and friends, especially her daughter, Sophia; her son, Jabari Nicks; her three sisters, Irene Gandy, Juanita Tipton, and

1 Debra Porter; and her four brothers, George Whitehead, Dean  
2 Whitehead, Tommie Jones, and LeMar Jones; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 mourn the death of Georgie "Gigi" Nicks along with all who knew  
6 and loved her, and extend our sincere condolences to her family  
7 and friends; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Georgie "Gigi" Nicks.