



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Helen
4 Portia Kelly of Chicago on September 10, 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, She was born September 22, 1919 in Nashville,
6 Tennessee, the first born of Ethel Johnson Kelly and Cato
7 Kelly; and

8 WHEREAS, Her parents moved to Chicago when she was a young
9 child and her elementary education began in Chicago; after her
10 parents separated, she went to live in Clarksville, Tennessee
11 with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Kelly; she completed her
12 formal education in Clarksville, after which she attended Fisk
13 University in Nashville, Tennessee where her mother lived; she
14 later returned to Chicago and attended the University of
15 Chicago; and

16 WHEREAS, She married Richard A. Griffin on November 5,
17 1953; they loved to travel and spent much of their married life
18 traveling around the world, living a full and happy life; and

19 WHEREAS, Her sister, her only sibling, preceded her in
20 death; and

21 WHEREAS, The passing of Helen Portia Kelly is felt by all
22 who knew and loved her, especially her devoted and loving
23 husband, Richard; her cousins, nieces, and nephews; and her
24 many friends and church family; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we mourn the passing of Helen Portia Kelly along with all who
28 knew and loved her and we extend our sincere condolences to her
29 family, friends, and community; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
3 sympathy.