



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Ella
4 Jean Jefferson on October 9, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Ella Jean Jefferson was born on July 11, 1933 to
6 the union of Eugene and Lillian Peel; Ella was united in holy
7 matrimony to Marvin Jefferson of Memphis, Tennessee; this union
8 was a family of love and compassion that included seven
9 children; this devoted and loving marriage flourished for 45
10 years until Marvin departed to glory; and

11 WHEREAS, Ella was educated in the Chicago Public School
12 system, attending Abbott Elementary and Englewood High School;
13 most of her education centered on working with the development
14 of children; she received several certificates and awards; and

15 WHEREAS, Ella possessed the ability to work with complex
16 families; her love and destiny work was that of a foster parent
17 for the Department of Children and Family Services; she was
18 grandmother to more than 44 children throughout the Illinois
19 region in the Department of Children and Family Services; in
20 addition, she provided counseling and role modeling for parents
21 to help them to obtain good and effective parenting skills; and

22 WHEREAS, Ella was a pillar of strength to her family, her
23 church members, and anyone who had the fortune to come into her
24 presence; her professional trade was upholstery, and she worked
25 as a seamstress; she was an entrepreneur who manufactured new
26 and used furniture; and

27 WHEREAS, Ella was baptized and attended Greater Harvest
28 Church; it was a wonderful beginning to her journey in Christ,
29 38 years ago; she served in the ministry of music and was the
30 wife of a deacon; and

1 WHEREAS, Ella was preceded in death by one of her children,
2 Linell; she leaves to celebrate her life and legacy: one sister
3 Joan Marie Collier; 2 brothers, Eugene Peel and Darryl Dokes; 6
4 children Paula, Armel, Cassandra, Sharon, Shreen, and Carolyn;
5 a special friend, Annie Mae Barnes; 29 grandchildren; 44
6 great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews, and a host of other
7 relatives and friends; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 that we mourn the death of Ella Jean Jefferson and extend our
11 sincerest condolences to her family, friends, and community;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Ella Jean Jefferson as an expression
15 of our deepest sympathy.