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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the untimely death of Duranthy Evans of Aurora, which occurred on October 31, 2004, when he was killed in a random drive-by shooting in Aurora; and

WHEREAS, He was born on August 16, 1970, to Dorothy Thomas; he graduated from Aurora East High School in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Evans was an Elder/Reverend at The Greater Mount Olive Church of God in Christ; he was active in ministering to the congregation and in the service of the youth program; he was a Youth Supervisor at IYC-St. Charles for six years, where he was very determined in his efforts to do the Lord's work; he was the officer that had an open ear and an even greater heart for young people that were having trouble coping with the problems that they were experiencing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Evans' care and diligence for his fellow officers gave many a co-worker peace and laughter; he knew when to offer advice and when to make the stress of the place drop by cracking a smile or a joke; his work ethic and his talent to help other people were the threads holding the seams of the facility together; and

WHEREAS, Duranthy Evans never asked for recognition or praise; if a person was down, he told them to get on his back and he was going to see them through; he is loved and missed by all; and

WHEREAS, His younger brother, Carl Thomas, a famous R&B singer, started The Duranthy Evans Foundation to fight the spread of anger, fear, and violence between people of different races and to stop the spread of "Urban Terrorism" in the United

1 States; and

2 WHEREAS, The passing of Duranthy Evans has been deeply
3 felt by many, especially his mother Dorothy Thomas; his wife
4 Melinda; his two daughters; and his younger brother Carl;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we mourn the untimely passing of Duranthy Evans, and we
9 extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who
10 knew and loved him; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest
13 condolences.