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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, State Representative Monique D. Davis and the  
3 members of the House of Representatives of the State of  
4 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Cheryl Ann  
5 Dennis on Sunday, July 13, 2006; and

6           WHEREAS, Cheryl Ann Dennis was born on August 25, 1947, in  
7 New Orleans, Louisiana, to Wilfred and Nafamier Dennis; she was  
8 affectionately called "Cherie"; she attended Holy Name of Mary  
9 Grammar School and the Academy of Our Lady for her secondary  
10 education; and

11           WHEREAS, Ms. Dennis received a bachelor's degree from the  
12 University of Illinois, Champaign; she went on to complete a  
13 Masters in Social Work at the University of Michigan, Ann  
14 Arbor; she also received certificates in Clown Arts from Triton  
15 College and the Clown Camp at the University of Wisconsin; and

16           WHEREAS, She was employed by the Louisiana School Board and  
17 Charity Hospital in New Orleans; while living in New Orleans,  
18 she received her journeyman papers in electronics from the  
19 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; as a licensed  
20 social worker, she taught and serviced youth in the Chicago  
21 Public Schools; and

22           WHEREAS, Ms. Dennis' clown name was "Jo-V-L", which was an  
23 expression of her love of creativity with children; she also  
24 enjoyed entertaining people by making animal balloons; she was  
25 a fun-loving spirit with a joy of living, which led her to  
26 participate in many organizations and activities; she was a  
27 Center Aisle Player at St. Thaddeus Catholic Church and a choir  
28 member in the church's adult choir; she was a Delta Sigma Theta  
29 sorority sister; she also enjoyed exploring the world with the  
30 Windy City Seals Diving Club; and

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Cheryl Ann Dennis has been deeply  
2 felt by many, especially her mother, Nafamier Dennis, and the  
3 Rev. James (Doretha) Edwards, Theodore (Margie) Edwards, Wilma  
4 Richardson, Joyce (Matthew) Marchand, and her many loving  
5 cousins and caring friends; she was preceded in death by her  
6 father, Wilfred Dennis, on January 19, 1999; therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we mourn the passing of Cheryl Ann Dennis, and we extend our  
10 deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and all who knew and  
11 loved her; and be it further

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