

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of
4 Julius Samuel "J.S." Cousin Sr. on Monday, January 6, 2003;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Julius Cousin was born September 15, 1929 in
7 Franklinton, Louisiana to Paul and Carolyn Cousin, the older
8 of two children; his parents and his brother, Major, preceded
9 him in death; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Cousin was the first in his family to
11 graduate from high school; he moved to Chicago where he
12 became a professional chef before he nurtured his
13 entrepreneurial spirit by developing and operating several
14 small businesses; he retired from the Salvation Army in 1990
15 and turned his energy to full time community service and
16 volunteer work; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Cousin moved to Chicago's West Side in the
18 early 1960s; he strongly believed in the grand vision for
19 redevelopment of the Lawndale community and served as a
20 founding member and director of several community
21 organizations, including Pyramid West and the Lawndale's
22 People's Planning and Action Committee; and

23 WHEREAS, At a young age, Julius Cousin was a faithful
24 member of of Hazel Creek Baptist Church until he relocated to
25 Chicago; in 1960, he joined Presentation Catholic Church,
26 where his children attended school and he served in numerous
27 capacities, including membership in Knights of Peter Clavier
28 and serving as an Executive Member of the Men's Club; he
29 enjoyed serving the church by cooking at the monthly pancake
30 breakfasts and ribs at the summertime barbecues; and

31 WHEREAS, Nothing was more important to Mr. Cousin than

1 his family; he shared his life with his cherished wife and
2 partner, Annie; he loved all of his children and expressed
3 the greatest joy at being a grandparent; and

4 WHEREAS, The loss of Mr. Cousin will be deeply felt by
5 many, especially his wife, Annie; his children, Paul, Sheryl,
6 Julius (Jan), Constance, Wanda (Jody), Ertarin, Tybra
7 (Maurice), Yvette, and Zina (Warren); his special son,
8 Henry; his 20 grandchildren; his 9 great-grandchildren; his
9 nephew; and a wealth of additional relatives and friends;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we mourn the passing of Julius Samuel Cousin Sr., and offer
14 our deepest sympathy to his family and friends; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Julius Samuel Cousin Sr. with our
18 sincerest condolences.