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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Doctor Reverend James W. Dorsey on Wednesday, January 22, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Dorsey was born on October 18, 1942 in Waukegan; he graduated from Novak Elementary School and North Chicago Community High School where he was an Illinois State Champion Wrestler; he received his bachelor's degree from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin; his master's degree from Roosevelt University; and a doctorate from the University of Iowa; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Dorsey served four honorable years in the United States Marine Corps; he worked as a Juvenile and Adult Probation Officer for Lake County; he taught at North Chicago High School and also was a Dean of Students; he was ordained into ministry by the late Reverend J.N. Lightfoot; he was a professor at the College of Lake County; and

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WHEREAS, During February, Black History Month, Dr. Dorsey gave freely of his time lecturing; he was an expert on the history of Lake County's Underground Railroad; he was the author of "UP South" and founder of The Sons of Thunder, an organization committed to raising scholarship funds for African-American students; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Dorsey has been deeply felt by all who knew him, especially his wife of 33 years, Jacqueline Dorsey; his two children, Kelley (Justin) and Derrick; his mother, Margaret Dorsey; his sisters, Frances (Pat) Tompkins and Joan (James) Winston; his brothers, Curtis (Barbara) Dorsey and Marvin Dorsey; his aunt, Maria McNulty; his uncles, Fred Hollingsworth, Dean Dorsey, and Mel Dorsey; his brothers-in-law, Robert (Valda) Whitehead, Timothy (Kay)

1 Whitehead, and Lawrence (Laura) Whitehead; his
2 sisters-in-law, Cleopatra (Bruce) Cowins and Mallie (Luke)
3 Nichols; and his host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and
4 friends; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we mourn the passing of Doctor Reverend James W. Dorsey, a
8 man who will be remembered for his smile and genuine concern
9 for others, and we offer his family and friends our deepest
10 sympathy; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Dr. James W. Dorsey with our
13 sincerest condolences.