

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois learned with deep regret of the death
4 of Gladys Holcomb of Chicago on Wednesday, April 30, 2003;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Holcomb was born in Brownville, Tennessee
7 in October of 1906; she moved to Chicago in 1935 where she
8 married Kinnard Holcomb in 1945; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb first established Gladys'
10 Luncheonette on State Street; after ten years, the restaurant
11 moved to a basement location at 4541 S. Indiana; they soon
12 outgrew that space and moved up the street to the present
13 location of the restaurant at 4527 S. Indiana in November of
14 1963; and

15 WHEREAS, Gladys' Luncheonette became one of the most
16 popular "soul food" restaurants in the Midwest, known for its
17 delicious fried chicken, smothered chicken, smothered pork
18 chops, peach cobbler, "melt-in-your-mouth" biscuits, and
19 other down home, southern delicacies; many famous people were
20 known to dine at the Luncheonette including Dr. Martin Luther
21 King Jr., Lou Rawls, Redd Foxx, Governor Jim Thompson, Della
22 Reese, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Gladys Knight, and a host of
23 others; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Holcomb owned Gladys' Luncheonette until
25 1997 when she was no longer able to operate it on a
26 day-to-day basis and sold it to her daughter and a group of
27 investors; and

28 WHEREAS, The passing of Gladys Holcomb has been deeply
29 felt by many, but especially her husband, Kinnard; and her
30 daughter, little Gladys; therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we mourn the passing of Mrs. Gladys Holcomb and we express
3 our sincere and deepest sympathy to her husband, daughter,
4 friends, and family; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Mrs. Holcomb as a token of our
7 sincere condolences.