

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Eunice
4 Lee House Alexander on Sunday, August 10, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Alexander was born on May 11, 1925 in
6 Clarksdale, Mississippi; she was the only child of the late
7 Corinne and Steve House; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Alexander married Horace Howard and two
9 children were born to this union, Corinne "Betty" Elizabeth
10 and Barbara Jean; she later was divorced and married Lester
11 Hunt in 1946 and to this union a son, Robert Steve, was born;
12 and she married Henry V. Alexander in 1961; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Alexander graduated from Myrtle Hall
14 Elementary School in Clarksdale and came to Chicago with her
15 parents in 1938; she graduated from DuSable High School in
16 Chicago and Cortez W. Peters Business College and earned an
17 Associate's Degree from Kennedy-King College; she held a
18 variety of jobs, including Friendly Loan Co., Spiegels, the
19 United States Treasury Department, the United States
20 Department of Health, Education and Welfare before retiring
21 from the United States Department of Agriculture in 1984; and

22 WHEREAS, In addition, she worked in the family business
23 at House Brothers Food Mart in the early 1940s with her
24 parents and other relatives; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Alexander believed in helping her community
26 and she worked for many years as a volunteer with the Urban
27 League and at Operation PUSH with her daughter Betty; and

28 WHEREAS, Mrs. Alexander was a member of Grant Memorial
29 A.M.E. Church for 65 years, where she served as a missionary,
30 stewardess, and class leader; she remained active in church
31 until the onset of illness and she spent her last three years

1 at St. Agnes Healthcare Center; and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Alexander loved to enjoy herself and she
3 loved to be with her family; she was an avid bowler, and a
4 very good one, who at one time bowled five days a week in six
5 leagues and often traveled to other cities for bowling
6 tournaments; she also enjoyed gatherings with her cousins, at
7 card parties and other family functions; and

8 WHEREAS, Eunice Lee House Alexander's passing will be
9 deeply felt by many, especially her two daughters, Corinne
10 Elizabeth "Betty" Magness and Barbara Whittmon; her son,
11 Robert (CeCi) Steve Hunt; her eight grandchildren, Reverend
12 Tony Land, Andre Whittmon, Jacqui (Sidney Turner) Michael V.
13 Magness, Whittmon, Antione Whittmon, Angel Marquitta
14 Whittmon, Eric Jabar Hunt, and Chaaz Hunt; her fourteen
15 great-grandchildren; her godson, Lawrence Baker; and numerous
16 nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we mourn the passing of Eunice Lee House Alexander along with
20 all who knew and loved her and extend our sincere condolences
21 to her family and friends; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to the family of Eunice Lee House Alexander as an
24 expression of our deepest sympathy.