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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Marva D. Morgan on January 29, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Marva D. Morgan was born February 26, 1959 to the late James Morgan and the late Isabella Monroe; she was the second of three children; and

WHEREAS, She began her elementary education at Sol R. Crown Academy; her high school education started at Lindbloom and was completed at Jones Commercial in 1977; she attended Robert Morris Business College and completed her college education at Alabama State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan dedicated her life to working on behalf of humane and social causes in the black community; some of her endeavors include the Cook County Prison Ministry, where she fought to ensure the inmates well being upon release; she was also an advocate for helping the mentally ill; she worked as a journalist for the North Lawndale Community Newspaper under Isaac Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Her work was outstanding in the political arena; she spent countless hours circulating petitions for candidates for election; she worked with several dignitaries, and had a close and personal relationship with State Representative Arthur Turner; she also worked with Congressman Danny Davis; she was a political liaison at Lawndale Terrace and dedicated much of her time to Lawndale Mental Health Center; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan accepted Christ at an early age; she was a faithful member of Westlawn Gospel Chapel and Progressive Baptist Church where she was baptised at age 23; she was also and honorary member of Apostolic Church of God; and

1           WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan was an avid listener of WVON talk  
2 radio, where she developed a personal relationship with Host  
3 Cliff Kelly and other radio personalities; and

4           WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan was affectionately called, "Marva the  
5 Messenger"; her spirit has touched each and every person she  
6 encountered in a mystical way; her diligent work and dedication  
7 will never be forgotten; she will be remembered for her  
8 generosity, hospitality, and her love for people; and

9           WHEREAS, The passing of Marva D. Morgan will be deeply felt  
10 by many, especially her brother, Michael Morgan Sr.; her  
11 sister, Brenda Morgan; her nieces, Angela, Sloane, and Imani;  
12 her great nephew, Demond Hampton; her two nephews, Stefan and  
13 Michael; her aunt, Velma Moore; her uncles, Cleotha Monroe and  
14 Floyd Moore; her special friends, Sandrel Scott, Aretha Winton,  
15 and Sidney Murphy; and a host of cousins, other relatives, and  
16 friends; therefore, be it

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

22           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
23 presented to the family of Marva D. Morgan as an expression of  
24 our deepest sympathy.