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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Amanda Sherman on Tuesday, February 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Sherman was born on January 1, 1910, in Evanston to Charles and Eliza Wideman; she lost her mother at an early age and was indebted to her oldest sister, Alice Jones, who raised her after her mother's death; she married Robert Wallace Sherman; together, they were blessed with ten children; he preceded her in death on March 17, 1948; and

WHEREAS, A strong faith and inner strength helped Mrs. Sherman to raise her ten children on her own; she worked at several jobs and finally became a Crossing Guard for District 18, which allowed her to be home when her children were home; her dedication to her work earned her several commendations and certificates, and she and her family have made many political contributions to the City of Chicago; she was an inspiration and mother figure for many of those with whom she came in contact; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sherman was a life-long member of Wayman A.M.E. Church, but has been an "honorary" member of the church family at Greater Institutional A.M.E. Church since the 1970s; her faith in God was evident to all that knew her and will remain in the hearts and memories of countless people; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Amanda Sherman has been deeply felt by many, especially her children, former Alderman Niles (Sherlene) Sherman; Charmaine M. Brown, Robert (Peggy), Maynard (Clara), Aubrey, Ronald (Imelda), Douglas, Jo Ann Smith, and Lynn Timmons; her daughter-in-law, Cecilia Sherman; and her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives,

1 and friends; she was also preceded in death by her son, Lowell;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 mourn the passing of Amanda Sherman, a member of one of
6 Chicago's outstanding families, and we extend our deepest
7 sympathy to them; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Amanda Sherman as an expression of
10 our sincere condolences.