



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Gloria
4 Faye Williams Jennings on Saturday, July 10, 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Gloria Faye Williams was born on February 27,
6 1954, to Issac and Esalena Williams in Drew, Mississippi; she
7 was preceded in death by two brothers, L.C. Williams and Kirk
8 Williams, and her parents; and

9 WHEREAS, Faye became a faithful member of Jerusalem
10 Missionary Baptist Church in Mound Bayou, Mississippi at an
11 early age and began serving as the Sunday School Pianist; she
12 later taught the Ladies Sunday School Class, served as church
13 reporter, and became a devoted member of the mission society;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, She graduated in 1972 from John F. Kennedy
16 Memorial High School in Mound Bayou, Mississippi; she received
17 her Bachelor of Science in biology in 1975 from Lane College in
18 Jackson, Tennessee, where she was a member of the marching band
19 and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

20 WHEREAS, On March 20, 1976, Faye married Joe Jennings; they
21 were blessed with three children; she believed in family and
22 was deeply devoted to hers; and

23 WHEREAS, While working as a school teacher and a certified
24 nursing assistant, Mrs. Jennings touched the lives and hearts
25 of many people; after 28 years of doing what she loved the
26 most, Mrs. Jennings retired from teaching at North Bolivar
27 County School District in January of 2004; because of her
28 dedication to education, a memorial scholarship fund will be
29 established in her name to help students in need achieve; and

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Gloria Faye Williams Jennings has
2 been deeply felt by many, especially her husband, Joe Jennings;
3 her son, Trevor Vernon Jennings; her daughters, Twanda Vershun
4 (Jamaal) Longino and Tia Valencia Jennings; her brother,
5 Thurmond (Margaret) Williams; her sisters, Ethel Banks,
6 Catherine Turner, Sadie Bell, and Vera Phipps; her special
7 nephew who she often thought of as a brother, Willie Williams;
8 her uncle, Robert Williams; her aunts, Sadie Bolden and Lucille
9 Thomas; and her many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 mourn the passing of Gloria Faye Williams Jennings, and we
14 extend our sincerest condolences to her family, friends, and
15 all who knew and loved her; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Gloria Faye Williams Jennings as an
18 expression of our deepest sympathy for their loss.