



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois were deeply saddened to learn of the death of  
4 Loretta Murphy of Markham, the wife of former State  
5 Representative Harold Murphy, on November 25, 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, "Buttons" was born Loretta Wiggins on July 22,  
7 1939 to Mary Young and Edward Wiggins in Eldorado, Arkansas;  
8 she was the eldest of five children, and was reared in Eldorado  
9 by her grandmother, Mary Woodard; and

10 WHEREAS, Loretta attended and completed school in  
11 Arkansas; she relocated to Chicago with her mother in 1957,  
12 where she attended the South Suburban College; and

13 WHEREAS, She married Harold Murphy on May 19, 1958, and  
14 they have three children; Loretta and Harold have been 41-year  
15 residents of the City of Markham, where Loretta has faithfully  
16 served and supported community and public service; and

17 WHEREAS, She united spiritual fellowship with Christ  
18 Temple Missionary Baptist Church, and later with the Victory  
19 Christian Assembly Church, both in Markham; she was a member of  
20 the Eastern Star; and

21 WHEREAS, Loretta was employed as an Administrative  
22 Secretary for the Cook County Department of Corrections and the  
23 Jesse "Ma" Houston Facility; through many years of loyal  
24 support to her husband's public service career, she  
25 affectionately earned the title of "Assistant State  
26 Representative"; and

27 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary and  
28 Edward; and her brothers, Earl Young, Jr. and Kevin Young; and

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Loretta Murphy will be felt by all  
2 who knew and loved her, especially her husband, Harold; her  
3 children, Vetonia Williams, Karen Murphy, and Cassandra  
4 (Frank) Jones; her grandchildren, Michael Ray Williams,  
5 Carolyn Earline Murphy, and Jeremiah Clyde Williams; her  
6 sisters, Alice Brooks and Adrian Myles Atkins; and a host of  
7 other relatives and many friends; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
10 mourn the passing of Loretta Murphy and we extend to her family  
11 our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time; and be it  
12 further

13           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest  
15 sympathy.