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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 3 State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Al Scott 4 on Thursday, March 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Alvin R. Scott was born on November 20, 1946, in 5 Chicago; he graduated from Emil G. Hirsch High School in 1965, 6 7 where he was an All City football player and wrestler; he graduated from Central State University in 1969 with a B.S. in 8 9 health and physical education, where he was an All American 10 football player in 1966; he graduated from Governors State University in 1976 with an M.A. in human learning and 11 development; and 12

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Scott played for the Cincinnati Bengals for a 14 short time; he was the sixth-winningest football coach in 15 Illinois high school history, with a record of 262 wins and 130 16 losses; and

WHEREAS, He leaves a lasting mark on Public League football, establishing his record in 33 seasons at Simeon High School, where he coached from 1972 to 2004; he is the only coach in Public League history to lead his team to the city championship game in four decades; the Simeon Wolverines also made four Prep Bowl appearances under his leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott was one of the pioneers in bringing respectability to Public League football, and he had the best winning percentage in Public League history; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and throughout his career, he won a number of accolades, including being named "Football Coach of the Week" by the Chicago Bears in 1996, National High School Coach of the Year for the Midwest Region in 1997, and he was inducted into the

- 1 Illinois Football Hall of Fame in 2001; during his career, he
- 2 coached three high school athletes who eventually played for
- 3 the NFL; they are John Mitchell, Bill Johnson, and Ivory McCoy;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, The passing of Al Scott has been deeply felt by
- 6 many, especially his wife, Lola G. Scott; his son, Alvin R.
- 7 Scott, Jr.; his grandson, Alvin III; and his mother and
- 8 stepfather, Margerie and James Harbut; therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 10 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 11 we mourn the passing of Coach Al Scott, and we extend our
- deepest sympathy to his family, friends, students, colleagues,
- and all who knew and loved him; and be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 15 presented to his family as an expression of our sincere
- 16 condolences.