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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Vernona "Nonie" Harrell on Saturday, May 7, 2005; and

WHEREAS, She was born October 12, 1956, in Chicago, the third of six children born to the union of Vernon and Eileen Harrell; her father, Vernon, preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, She received her education at Yale Primary and Upper Grade Center and Parker High School; she was an advocate of education and encouraged her children to get the best possible; and

WHEREAS, Vernona met Ronald Sims, the love of her life, in 1963, but didn't realize it until 1974; together, they raised two children, Jimmy and Rhonda; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harrell had been employed by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office since 1984; as an Administrative Supervisor, she was loved and respected by her co-workers; and

WHEREAS, She became a member of Salem Baptist Church in 1994; she was a very positive, strong, and caring individual who always put others before herself; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Vernona "Nonie" Harrell has been deeply felt by many, especially her mother, Eileen Harrell; her very special significant other, Ronald Sims; her children, Jimmy (Trisha) and Rhonda (Dion); her sisters, Valerie Gordon (Loren) and Lynette Flowers (Louis); her brothers, Vernon Jr., Kenneth (Faye), and David (Denitra); her grandchildren, Eric, Moneika, Jimmy, Brianna, and James; and her many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we mourn the passing of Vernona Harrell, and we extend our  
4           deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and all who knew and  
5           loved her; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7           presented to her family as an expression of our sincere  
8           condolences.