



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives learned with sadness of the death of Rubertha
4 "Bert" Rivers on August 27, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rivers was the second oldest of six daughters
6 reared by Henry and Lovie Lewis; she and her family left Terry,
7 Mississippi, in 1920 to come to Chicago; and

8 WHEREAS, She married Morris Rivers on November 25, 1938,
9 and they had two daughters; and

10 WHEREAS, She became a lifelong member of Christ Temple
11 Cathedral on Chicago's South Side; over the years, she was a
12 member of W.A.C.C.'s, the Cathedral Choir, and Pastor's Aide;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rivers was very proud of her unique talent as
15 a millinery artist; church services and special events were
16 perfect venues for her to wear her latest hat creations; she
17 also enjoyed admiring the beauty of birds and the creativity
18 that poetry embraced; and

19 WHEREAS, Her family, friends, and many others appreciated
20 her beautiful smile, love for life, and encouraging words of
21 support; and

22 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband, Morris;
23 her daughter, Sharon; and her sisters, Christine, Gladys, and
24 Marcelene; and

25 WHEREAS, The passing of Rubertha Rivers is felt by all who
26 knew and loved her, especially her sisters, Margaret Brown and
27 Geraldine Byrd; her daughter, Chandra Walls (Charles); her
28 grandson, Charles Walls; her nephews, William Hester, Tracy

1 Byrd, and Jamal Byrd; her nieces, Chandra Clark, Chandra
2 Hester, and Latasha Jennings; and a host of very special
3 nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we mourn the passing of Rubertha "Bert" Rivers and extend our
7 sincerest condolences to her family, friends, and community;
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
11 sympathy.