



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to  
4 the family and friends of Jacqueline Deline Skinner, who passed  
5 away on October 18, 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, Jacqueline Skinner was born on March 29, 1945 in  
7 Detroit, Michigan as the first child of Minnie E. Skinner and  
8 Hayes W. Skinner II; she shared a loving childhood with her  
9 identical twin sister, Gwendolyn (Gwen), and her brother Hayes  
10 III (known as Hayes, Jr.); and

11 WHEREAS, Jacqueline Skinner was educated in Chicago; she  
12 was a student at Lutheran Elementary and Parker High School,  
13 attended Loop Junior College (now Harold Washington), and  
14 earned certification as a certified nurse's aide (CNA) from the  
15 Dawson Technical Institute; and

16 WHEREAS, She and her sister Gwendolyn were the first  
17 African American women to model for the Barbizon School of  
18 Modeling in 1965; they were also back-up dancers to famous  
19 entertainers like Jackie Wilson and Otis Redding; and

20 WHEREAS, Jacqueline Skinner began her own family when she  
21 met the love of her life, James Powell; on December 29, 1968,  
22 she gave birth to their first and only child, Derek, Hayes  
23 Skinner; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Skinner was a tireless worker and addressed  
25 all of her career and volunteer efforts with utmost  
26 professionalism; she worked in programs like Brainerd  
27 Development Corp.; most recently through her affiliation with  
28 Illinois State Representative Monique Davis, she worked for  
29 Human Resource Development, Inc (HRDI); in this capacity, she  
30 taught the understanding and prevention of HIV/AIDS; as a

1 dedicated community worker, she also volunteered for Rep.  
2 Davis' district office and for Chicago Alderman Howard  
3 Brookins; and

4 WHEREAS, Jacqueline Skinner was also active in her faith;  
5 she was baptized in the Lutheran church; in 2001, she accepted  
6 her calling in the Unity faith and joined South Side Unity  
7 Center of Christianity in Chicago; her many accomplishments and  
8 contributions at South Side Unity included: the Hospitality  
9 Ministry; the Disciples Ministry; the church Leadership  
10 Council; the Prayer Ministry; volunteering in the church  
11 office; updating the church bulletin board; helping redesign  
12 the church bulletins; recruiting and supporting the children of  
13 the Youth Ministry; providing nursing care to members of the  
14 church; working in the church bookstore; presenting the  
15 HIV/AIDS Awareness program to the youth department; and working  
16 as a liaison between the church and the surrounding community;  
17 her awards included commendations for Volunteer of the Month,  
18 Student of the Year, and Perfect Class Attendance; and

19 WHEREAS, Her hobbies included dancing, swimming,  
20 volunteering, and reading; and

21 WHEREAS, She is preceded in death by her husband, James  
22 Powell, her aunt, Miltoria Moore, and other relatives whose  
23 memories we treasure; and

24 WHEREAS, The passing of Jacqueline Deline Skinner will be  
25 felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her parents; her  
26 very special stepmother, Claire Skinner; her sister,  
27 Gwendolyn; her brother; Hayes III; her sister, Juanita Johnson;  
28 her son, Derek (Yvonne); her granddaughters, Dasia, Deeva, and  
29 Domanek; her nephew, Datten; her nieces, Renada "Princess" and  
30 Tesha; her God-parents, Johnetta "Shug" and Doug Montgomery,  
31 her aunt, Fredonia Bey; her uncle, Quinten Moore; her cousin,  
32 Elsie Allen; her very special friend, Ms. Carolyn Haley; and

1 her aunts, uncles, cousins, and a host of loving relatives,  
2 friends, and church members; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we mourn, along with all who knew and loved her, the death of  
6 Jacqueline Deline Skinner; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Jacqueline Deline Skinner.