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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Evelyn Orietha Martin, who recently passed away; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Martin was born on July 8, 1958 in Chicago, Illinois; her family joined the New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, where she was baptized at the age of 11; together with her sisters they formed the group The Martin Sisters, and ministered in music both in the suburbs and the city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, In 1981 she married Vincent Pitts and together they had a son, Matthew; Evelyn worked all her life, from working as teller, Personal Banker, and the Manager of Personal Banking at the First National Bank of Blue Island; she later advanced to Certified Senior Mortgage Loan Officer at Conseco Finance, America's Money Line, Centex Home Equity, and as a consultant for Blaine Bradford Ltd.; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn was the head of finance for the Martin and Turk Crittiden family reunions; she specialized in birthdays, banquets, and coordinating weddings; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn was joined with the Jackson Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, under the pastorate of her father-in-law, Superintendent Harold L. Pitts, and the Christian Life Center, under the pastorate of Senior Pastor Jerry McQuary ; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Evelyn Martin will be deeply felt by those she leaves behind, including: her husband, Vincent; her son, Matthew; her parents, Jimmie and Elizabeth Martin; her brother, Donald Martin; her sisters, Beverly Anderson and her

1 husband, Maurice, Carolyn Hollins, Orilla Stokes and her
2 husband, Tobin, and Angela Martin; her father-in-law,
3 Superintendent Harold Pitts; her brothers-in-law, Pastor
4 Thaddeus Pitts and his wife, Lottie Nell, Pastor John Pitts and
5 his wife, Beverly, and Elder Devan Pitts and his wife, Rita;
6 her sisters-in-law, Venise Samuels and her husband, Ray, and
7 Yvette Wilson and her husband, Jerome; her great aunt, Mother
8 Evelyn O. Ford; her special parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Young;
9 her godchild, Monica Pitts; and her nieces, nephews, aunts,
10 uncles, cousins, special friends, and her dog, Precious;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we mourn, along with her family and friends, the death of
15 Evelyn Orietha Martin; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Evelyn Martin.