

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 Lillie G. Samuels, who passed away
5 on January 25, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Lillie G. Samuels, lovingly known as Grandma
7 Lil, was born on September 28, 1924 in Orville, Alabama to
8 Cammie Mae Scott and David Hatcher; and

9 WHEREAS, Lillie G. Samuels married her husband, the late
10 Wiley Henry Samuels, Sr. in December, 1941; to their union,
11 five children were born; and

12 WHEREAS, Lillie G. Samuels was deeply concerned with the
13 quality of life in the African-American community; she was
14 politically active in the Lawndale and Roseland
15 neighborhoods; she was also a strong advocate for seniors in
16 Oak Park and worked diligently to raise funds at Fifth City
17 Community Center in Chicago for the fight against Aids; she
18 was active in the Annual Chicago Aids Walk, Oak Park
19 Community Response, and AIDS organization and Trinity United
20 Church of Christ AIDS Ministry; and she was a special guest
21 on radio station WSSD's show, Common Sense, in which she
22 presented a grandmother's perspective for parents, educators
23 and children; and

24 WHEREAS, Lillie G. Samuels was a member of Trinity United
25 Church of Christ in Chicago, Illinois; she also attended
26 Fellowship Christian Church, in Oak Park, where her son,
27 Wiley, is a deacon, trustee and teacher; and

28 WHEREAS, The passing of Lillie G. Samuels will be deeply
29 felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her loving
30 children, Reverend Dora Samuels-Merritt, Deacon Wiley H.
31 Samuels, Jr., Blanche E. Clark, and Sylvester Samuels, Sr.;

1 her daughters-in-law, Dorothy and Diane; her sons-in-law,
2 Ronald and Jerome; her grandchildren, Kobie, Jerome II,
3 Pamela, Brian, Kiana, DeAnda, Anthony, Sylvester, Jr. and
4 Stephen; her great-grandchildren, Malcolm II, Dantrell, Maya,
5 Dasjia, Danielle, Jerome III, and Brooke; her sisters,
6 Evangelist Lula Mae Collins, Lucille Henderson, Dorothy
7 Dennis, and Rosie Mae Prevo; her brother-in-law, Donald
8 Smith, Sr.; her sisters-in-law, Wanda and Blanche; her aunt,
9 Dolly Thompson; her dear friend, Georgetta E. Braswell; and a
10 host of nephews, nieces, other relatives, and friends;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we mourn, along with all who knew her, the death of Lillie G.
15 Samuels of Chicago, Illinois; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Lillie G. Samuels.