

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were saddened to learn of the recent death of
4 Mother Addie Jones of East St. Louis; and

5 WHEREAS, Mother Jones was born on September 8, 1923 to
6 Richard and Sarah Ratliff in Swift-town, Mississippi; she met
7 and married Hardin Jones Sr. in 1937, and to this union
8 eleven children were born; and

9 WHEREAS, Mother Jones and her family relocated to
10 Doddsville, Mississippi where she joined the Gilfield
11 Missionary Baptist Church; she served on the Mother's Board
12 and the Mission Board until she moved to East St. Louis in
13 1984; she united with Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church and
14 served faithfully; and

15 WHEREAS, Mother Jones leaves a strong Christian family to
16 follow after her and pull together as one as the Bible says
17 in the 23rd Psalm:

18 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh
19 me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside
20 the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in
21 the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea,
22 though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
23 I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and
24 thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before
25 me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my
26 head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and
27 mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will
28 dwell in the house of the LORD for ever; and

29 WHEREAS, Her passing will be deeply felt by all who knew
30 and loved her, especially her three sons, Eddie (Judi) Jones,
31 Rosco (Emma) Jones, and Henry (Sherry) Jones; her seven
32 daughters, Mahalia Wilson, Ellen (Joe) Pittman, Betty (Henry)

1 Campbell, Gracie (Larnell) Robinson, Bessie, Hallie, and
2 Addie; her adopted son, Reverend Darryl L. Hughes; her four
3 sisters and four brothers; her 29 grandchildren; her 70
4 great-grandchildren; her 24 great-great-grandchildren; and a
5 host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives; and

6 WHEREAS, Mother Jones was preceded in death by her
7 parents, Richard and Sarah Ratliff; and her husband, Hardin
8 Jones, Sr.; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we mourn the death of Mother Addie Jones, along with all who
12 knew and loved her, and extend our sincere condolences to all
13 her family and friends; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 delivered to the family of Mother Addie Jones.