

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of
4 Catherine Lewis Collins of North Chicago on Wednesday,
5 December 25, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Catherine Lewis Collins was born on November 2,
7 1935 in Helena, Arkansas to Frank and Cora Lewis; at the age
8 of five, her family moved to Waukegan; she attended Carmen
9 Elementary School and graduated from Waukegan Township High
10 School; she was baptized by Reverend J.N. Lightfoot at Shiloh
11 Baptist Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Collins was employed as the City Clerk of
13 North Chicago, where she was serving her tenth elected year;
14 previously, she was employed with the Federal Government for
15 33 years before her retirement; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Collins was an active and energetic civic
17 leader involved in several community and social organizations
18 including Coordinating Council for Gang Awareness,
19 Alternative Programs for Community Youth, Lake County Baptist
20 Children and Family Service Advisory Board, Parent Anonymous
21 Workshop Focus on Child Abuse, NAACP, and others; she
22 spearheaded Mothers Against Gangs, Concerned Parents and
23 Citizens Organizations, and many others; and

24 WHEREAS, The passing of Catherine Lewis Collins has been
25 felt by many, especially her husband, Norman C. Collins Sr.;
26 her son, Garth (Sabrina) Collins; her daughters, Kristy
27 (Todd) Davis and Lori L. Collins; her stepsons, Norman
28 (Leona) Collins Jr. and Dennis Collins; her grandchildren,
29 Garth Collins Jr., Candace Collins, Taylor Davis, and Kennedy
30 Collins; her sisters, Ernestine (Harold) Fisher and Nancy
31 Wilkerson; her nieces, Pamela (Anthony) Cowan and Tracy
32 Glover; her nephews, Harold (Denise) Fisher Jr., Michael

1 Cannon, Kenneth Cannon, and Keith and Gregory Reynolds; and
2 many cousins, other relatives, and dear friends; therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we join with family and friends and mourn the passing of
7 Catherine Lewis Collins, who will be remembered as a loving
8 wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend who
9 continually strived for a better life for Illinois youth; and
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Catherine Lewis Collins with our
13 deepest sympathy.