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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dr.  
4 Rebekkah Ann Ross of Chicago, who passed away on April 19,  
5 2011; and

6           WHEREAS, She was born in Gary, Indiana, to Dr. David and  
7 Mrs. Ruthie Ross; she was the youngest of nine children; she  
8 attended Morgan Park Academy from kindergarten through 11th  
9 grade and graduated from Chesterton High School with honors;  
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11           WHEREAS, She graduated in 3 years from Butler University in  
12 Indianapolis, Indiana with a B.A. in psychology; she graduated  
13 summa cum laude, and was inducted into the elite academic honor  
14 society of Phi Beta Kappa; following her graduation from  
15 college, she moved to Nashville, Tennessee to study medicine,  
16 alongside her best friend and sister, Rachael, at Meharry  
17 Medical College, where she also graduated with honors; and

18           WHEREAS, Upon earning her medical degree and completing her  
19 residency, Dr. Rebekkah joined her family's medical practice at  
20 The Ross Family Doctors of Tatum in Gary, Indiana, where she  
21 practiced medicine alongside her father; and

1           WHEREAS, Striving for more than academic and professional  
2 success, she started a not-for-profit organization with her  
3 sister, Rebuilding Families, where she and her family provided  
4 services, education, outreach, field-trips, and self-esteem  
5 building to young girls; after recognizing that young women in  
6 her hometown encountered increased social pressure from their  
7 peers and outside negative influences, she created programming  
8 to rebuild families and expectations through education,  
9 mentoring, and mirrored success; and

10           WHEREAS, In 2004, Rachael introduced Rebekkah to the love  
11 of her life, Travis Swoope and on May 6, 2006 they were united  
12 in holy matrimony; together, they became faithful members of  
13 St. Mark United Methodist Church and became active members of  
14 the young couple's ministry; and

15           WHEREAS, On December 30, 2010, Rebekkah and Travis were  
16 blessed with a beautiful baby girl that they lovingly named  
17 Amelia, which means a work of the Lord; Dr. Rebekkah Ross is  
18 survived by her loving husband, Travis; her beautiful daughter,  
19 Amelia Hadley; her parents, Ruthie and David; her sisters, Ruth  
20 Ross Edmonds (Kevon), Rachael, and Lynette; her brothers, David  
21 III (Sherry), Anthony (Rita), Michael, and Nathaniel; her  
22 mother-in-law, Annie "Grandma Swoope"; and a host of aunts,  
23 uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of Dr.  
4           Rebekkah Ross; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6           presented to the family of Dr. Rebekkah Ross as a symbol of our  
7           sincere sympathy.