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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Jay Paul 4 Adams of Zion, who passed away on March 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, He was born February 15, 1959 in Fort Worth, Texas to Robert and Olivia Adams; although he accepted Christ at an early age, he recently rededicated his life back to the Lord and was a member of Jesus Name Apostolic Church; and

WHEREAS, He and his family made Waukegan their home in 1970, where he attended Waukegan East High School and graduated with the class of 1979; while in high school, he was a member of the football and wrestling teams and made several lifelong friendships; and

WHEREAS, He had a passion for cooking and made a career in the culinary arts field; he was a long time employee for Great Lakes Naval Base and held the position of Assistant Director at Galley 535; from there he continued on as one of the head chefs for Abbott Laboratories where he remained employed until his passing; he was also a partner in the J & M Catering Co., which he co-founded with Michael Herring in 2004; and

WHEREAS, He was a kind, loving, and gentle man that loved

- 1 the Lord; he was well known in the community and will always be
- 2 remembered for his positive outlook on life, his willingness to
- 3 help others, his big heart, and his integrity; he had a passion
- 4 for helping others, which extended to his strong commitment to
- 5 the Oxford Houses, where he served as treasurer for 13 years;
- 6 and
- WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his adoring mother,
- 8 Olivia Adams; his stepmother, Velma Adams; his brothers, Robert
- 9 Adams, Jr., James Adams, and Joseph Adams; and his special
- 10 brothers-in-law, Robert L. Strowder and Stanley Duffie; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Jay Paul Adams is survived by his wife, Odessa;
- 12 his children, Joslynn Adams and Terrell White; his father,
- 13 Robert Adams Sr.; his sisters, Dinah (Jimmie) Betts, Lorraine
- 14 Duffie, and Corrie Adams; his brother, Robert (Minnie) Adams
- 15 III; his stepsisters, Darcy Stevenson, Clydie Myers, and Alicia
- 16 (James) Harris; his stepbrothers, Leonard Irby, Robert
- 17 Catchings, Paul Catchings, and James Catchings; his
- 18 sister-in-law, Nanette Adams; and a host of loving nieces,
- 19 nephews, friends, and 7 stepchildren; therefore, be it
- 20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 21 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Jay
- 23 Paul Adams; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 2 presented to the family of Jay Paul Adams as a symbol of our
- 3 sincere sympathy.