

## 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 Minnie Blanchard Pressley, who  
5 passed away on February 23, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Minnie Blanchard Pressley was born in Toupelo,  
7 Mississippi, to the late Clara and James Blanchard; she  
8 married Charles C. Pressley on April 1, 1973; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pressley was educated in the Chicago Public  
10 School system and graduated from CVS High School; during high  
11 school, she began her business career as an entrepreneur; and

12 WHEREAS, After graduation, Mrs. Pressley worked part-time  
13 at Ben Vold groceries on 57th and Prairie Avenue; four years  
14 later, she became the owner of Minnie's Food and Liquor; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pressley not only provided job  
16 opportunities for her family, but also to the members of the  
17 community; and

18 WHEREAS, After retiring from the grocery business, Mrs.  
19 Pressley later decided to return to work as a manager's  
20 assistant in the children's and women's accessories  
21 department for JC Penney in the River Oaks Shopping Mall; and

22 WHEREAS, Minnie Pressley was a precious, sweet, gentle,  
23 quiet, charming, and affectionate lady who possessed the  
24 tenacity and strength of a lion; recently, she joined the  
25 Glenwood Missionary Bible Church in Glenwood, where she  
26 participated in Bible Study and other church related  
27 activities; and

28 WHEREAS, The passing of Minnie Blanchard Pressley will be  
29 deeply felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her  
30 husband, Charles C. Pressley; her daughters, Vanessa Victory,

1 Earlene Spaulding, and Ameena Gray; her stepson, Anthony  
2 Pressley; her brother, Andre Blanchard; her sisters, Linda,  
3 Judy, and Beverly Ann; her brothers, JC and Jimmy; her  
4 sister-in-law, Anita J. Porter; a host of nieces, nephews;  
5 and her special friend, Lauren Mosley; she was preceded in  
6 death by her parents, Clara and James Blanchard and her  
7 sister, Clara Blanchard; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we mourn, along with all who knew her, the death of Minnie  
11 Blanchard Pressley of Chicago, Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Minnie Blanchard Pressley with our  
14 sincere condolences.