

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of 21 of
4 this State's citizens who passed away on February 17, 2003
5 due to the tragic accident that took place at the E2 Club in
6 Chicago; and

7 WHEREAS, During the time since this incident has
8 occurred, there has been a tremendous outpouring of love and
9 heartfelt sentiment, as people from every part of our State
10 and nation have shared in the families' losses; monuments
11 have been erected in the victims' names, and time and money
12 have been donated to the families and children that still
13 remain; and

14 WHEREAS, Some of those who mourn are members of the
15 Triumph Over Tragedy Organizing Committee, young
16 African-American and Latino business owners and entrepreneurs
17 who believe that grieving families who have endured hardship
18 and pain have been triumphant, having gained wisdom and
19 strength through struggle and pain; on March 26, 2003, this
20 organization will dedicate its time and talent to honor those
21 who lost their lives in the E2 Tragedy; young adults and
22 entertainment professionals, from Chicago and across the
23 country, will host the Triumph Over Tragedy Memorial Benefit
24 Concert, at the Isaac Hayes Restaurant and over 100
25 businesses and organizations will participate; the evening
26 will include a city-wide prayer and a memorial tribute from
27 some of Chicago's best and brightest young stars; and

28 WHEREAS, The deceased include Nita Anthony, Robert Brown,
29 Demetricita Carswell, Bianca Ferguson, Kevin Gayden, Debra
30 Gill, Danielle Greene, Chanta Jackson, David Jones, Teresa
31 Johnson-Gordon, Charles Lard, Latoyra McGraw, Antonio Myers,
32 Nicole Patterson, Nicole Rainey, Dashand Ray, Charita Rhodes,

1 Eazay Rogers, Damien Riley, Maurice L. Robinson, and Michael
2 Wilson; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we commemorate the loss of many lives and commend the Triumph
6 Over Tragedy Organizing Committee for sponsoring this
7 heartfelt tribute; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the Triumph Over Tragedy Organizing Committee as
10 an expression of our respect and esteem.