

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Alzada  
4 Christian-Carr of East Saint Louis on November 14, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Alzada Christian-Carr was born on July 11, 1945  
6 to Theodore and Hattie Christian; she grew up on Goose Hill  
7 and attended Garfield and Carver Schools; she went to Rock  
8 Junior High School and graduated from East St. Louis Senior  
9 High School; she continued her education as an Honor Student  
10 of the American Institute of Banking; she later graduated  
11 from the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute and was a  
12 student of the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Academy; she was  
13 a Registered Clerk of the State of Illinois and an  
14 International Certified Clerk, and the designation of Master  
15 Municipal Clerk was conferred upon her by the International  
16 Master Municipal Clerk Academy; and

17 WHEREAS, She worked at National Stockyards Bank and Bank  
18 of St. Louis where she was one of the first recipients of the  
19 Urban League Black Achievers Award in 1974; her banking  
20 career also included employment at Continental Bank of  
21 Chicago and Riggs National Bank of Washington, D.C.; and

22 WHEREAS, She served as Deputy Clerk of the City of East  
23 St. Louis for ten years and was elected City Clerk for four  
24 terms; she was elected First Vice-President of Districts 7,  
25 8, and 9 of the Southwestern Illinois Municipal Clerks  
26 Association and was the first City Clerk of East St. Louis to  
27 become a Certified Clerk of the International Institute of  
28 Municipal Clerks; she was appointed District Director of  
29 District IX of Illinois Municipal Clerks for 1999-2000; and

30 WHEREAS, In 2001, she was presented the Ilion Crabel  
31 Member of the Year Award, the highest honor conferred by the  
32 Municipal Clerks of Illinois; her greatest achievement as

1 City Clerk was to have the Municipal City Code updated; she  
2 retired in May 2002 and was the first City Clerk to retire  
3 after twenty-five years of service; and

4 WHEREAS, She served as Democrat Precinct Committeewoman  
5 of Goose Hill for ten years; she served as Secretary of the  
6 City Central Democratic Organization and was Secretary of the  
7 County of St. Clair Democratic Organization for ten years;  
8 her local, state, and national memberships, awards, and  
9 honors are far too numerous to name; and

10 WHEREAS, She was a Charter Member of the North End  
11 Missionary Baptist Church and served as First Financial  
12 Secretary and First Announcing Clerk; she was a dependable  
13 and loyal member and served the church in many ways; she was  
14 affectionately called "Co-Pastor"; and

15 WHEREAS, The passing of Alzada Christian-Carr will be  
16 deeply felt by many, especially her two daughters; Candace  
17 (Richard) King and Gerri Butler; six grandchildren, Brandi  
18 Butler, Dameon Christian, Kevisha White, Dennis Butler III,  
19 Courtney Butler, and Carlton King; three sisters, Fran  
20 (Howard) Hairston, Voncille Cox, and Sabrina (Tommie)  
21 Johnson; three brothers, T.C. (Beverly) Christian, Jr., Taft  
22 (Marie) Christian, Sr., and Charles (Ruby) Christian, Sr.;  
23 one godson, Roderick (Corliss) Townsend; two "adopted"  
24 daughters, Phyllis Mitchell and Karen Robinson; sixty-two  
25 Daughters of Venus Temple #1042; and a host of nieces,  
26 nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great nieces and  
27 nephews, cousins; and extended family of Griggs, Neely,  
28 Holloway, and Christian; and her North End Church Family,  
29 Goose Hill Family, Elk Family, and many friends; therefore,  
30 be it

31 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
32 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn the passing of Alzada Christian-Carr along with all  
2 who knew and loved her and extend our sincere condolences to  
3 her family, friends, and community; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Alzada Christian-Carr as an  
6 expression of our deepest sympathy.