WHEREAS, State Representative Monique Davis and the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Sherlene Sherman on Saturday, March 26, 2005; and

WHEREAS, She was born the oldest of two children in Chicago on March 3, 1940, to Reuben Paige Tyler and Willa Mae Tyler; she attended Felsenthal Elementary School and DuSable High School; and

WHEREAS, After attending Wilson Junior College, Mrs. Sherman worked for the State of Illinois, World Famous Inc., Southwest Mental Health Facility, and the Chicago Association of Retarded Citizens (CARC); she truly loved her job at CARC, where she performed her duties with exceptional grace; she was greatly missed when she retired in February of 2004; and

WHEREAS, She married Niles Sherman on August 5, 1967; she was a devoted wife to "Sherman", who later became Alderman of the 21st Ward; she was fondly known as "Showdown" and loved spending time with her family, especially during the holidays, when she would cook big meals, play bid whist, and laugh and joke until the wee hours of the morning; she also enjoyed shopping for antiques while she spent time in her home in Michigan, her favorite place to be; and

WHEREAS, Sherlene Sherman will be greatly missed by many for the special love she showed and the beautiful woman she was; her loss has been most deeply felt by her loving husband, Niles Sherman; her loving and devoted children, Stephanie (Timothy) Ratliff and Sheldon (Heather) Sherman; her parents, Nathanial and Willa Phillips; her sister, Suzanne Tyler; her grandchildren, Kennedi, Jordan, Khia, and Trinity; her stepchildren, Duane (Carol) Sherman, Debra Payne, and Niles
Sherman Jr.; her step-grandchildren, T.K. Sherman, Phillip (Tiffany) Sherman, and Eldridge (E.L.) Donelson; and her many nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends; she was preceded in death by her father, Reuben Paige Tyler; her stepchildren, Shane Sherman and Milliane Determan; and her dear friend, Sondra; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Sherlene Sherman, and we extend our deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to her family as an expression of our sincerest condolences.