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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to 4 the family and friends of Bishop Henrietta Casey of Dixmoor who 5 passed away on Wednesday, November 15, 2006; and

WHEREAS, She was born on July 10, 1928; she was a resident of Dixmoor for 45 years and was united in marriage to Bishop Louis Casey for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, She was pastor of the Church of the Living God Pentecostal for 21 years until her passing; she and her husband raised 50 foster children over a 35 year period; there were always six to eight children living in their home; though they were only able to adopt four children, she wished they could have adopted all of them; she and her husband were Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders for ten years; Bishop Henrietta Casey was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader for ten years as well; and

WHEREAS, She was also a volunteer for the Red Cross, Head Start Program, and the Parent's Teacher Association in Dixmoor; and

WHEREAS, She was most happy being a child of God, wife, and mother; her love of children over the years earned her the name "Momma Casey"; she spent her life giving to others and opened her home for those who were in need and she refused to "play by the rules" when it came to the children in the foster care system; she taught that no matter who you are and what your last name is, in her house, all are sisters and brothers; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Bishop Henrietta Casey has been deeply felt by many, especially her husband, children, and grandchildren; therefore, be it

- 1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 2 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 3 we mourn the passing of Bishop Henrietta Casey, and we extend
- 4 our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who
- 5 knew and loved her; and be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 7 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
- 8 sympathy.