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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Karen Jones; and

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WHEREAS, Karen Jones was born on July 1, 1966; her parents were the late Barbara Ann and Kenneth Jones; and

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WHEREAS, Karen Jones graduated from Proviso East High School in 1984; as a role model to her daughter, she enrolled in Benedictine University, where she acquired an associate's degree with honors in 2006; she went on to receive a bachelor's degree in 2008 and a master's degree in leadership in May of 2012; and

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WHEREAS, As a teenager, Karen Jones joined Second Baptist Church of Maywood and was baptized under the pastorate of Reverend Wallace Sykes; at the time of her passing, she attended New Life Covenant Church under the pastorate of John Hannah; and

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WHEREAS, Karen Jones was employed at Proviso West High School in an administrative capacity for 14 years; she also sponsored and championed the PIP Dance Ministry and wrote and produced several inspirational plays, which always reached the

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1 community with messages of hope and redemption through the  
2 ministry of dance and drama; and

3 WHEREAS, Karen Jones founded, supported, sponsored and  
4 served numerous organizations, including the Founder of Real  
5 Women Ministries, the Beyond Beautiful Young Women's  
6 Conference, and the Passion to Praise Production Company; she  
7 served as the young women's guidance counselor for the John C.  
8 Vaughns Scholarship Fund, a prayer facilitator for the Rock of  
9 Ages Foundations of Faith, and a new members facilitator at  
10 Victory Cathedral; she was also a member of the Change  
11 Community Choir and the James Hamilton Singers; and

12 WHEREAS, Karen Jones will be missed dearly by her loving  
13 daughter, Rebecca Stenson; her sister, Carlotta Renee Plummer;  
14 her nephews, Kevin (Tisha) and Kenneth; her great-nieces and  
15 great-nephews, Tyrone, Ashlie, Tierra, and Kamaal; her special  
16 nieces, Sonja (Chris) and Tracy; her godchildren, Michael  
17 Porter and Janae Curry; her aunts and uncles, Frances, Janet,  
18 Pat (Solomon), Richard, Shirley (Ken), and Pearl; her many  
19 cousins; her father in the faith, Dr. Copeland, and her mentor,  
20 Dr. Tanesha Pittman; and her friends, Arenia, Marcia, Laketha,  
21 Talonda, Alisa, Wonderlyn, and Shanna; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
23 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of  
2 Karen Jones; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of Karen Jones as an expression of our  
5 sympathy.