

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to  
4 the family and friends of Mother Ada Turner, who passed away  
5 on November 29, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Mother Ada Turner was born in 1921 in Hennings,  
7 Tennessee; she was the mother of fourteen children and became  
8 the spiritual mother to many prison inmates at the Menard  
9 Correctional Center; and

10 WHEREAS, Mother Ada Turner began a Volunteer Prison  
11 Ministry with the Illinois Department of Corrections at the  
12 Menard Correctional Center on September 1, 1963, and served  
13 for 38 years, which was reported to be the longest volunteer  
14 service record in the department; and

15 WHEREAS, Mother Ada Turner made regular visits to the  
16 Menard Correctional Center to lead worship service and  
17 minister to her "sons" by scripture, song, testimony, prayer,  
18 preaching, pen pal correspondence, and by the love of Jesus  
19 each man saw in her face; the individuals she ministered to  
20 returned to society changed, many of them finding jobs,  
21 providing for their family, and becoming preachers and  
22 Christian workers; and

23 WHEREAS, In 1993, Illinois Governor Jim Edgar cited  
24 Mother Ada Turner for her 30 years of volunteer service; she  
25 was recognized for her prison ministry by Illinois Department  
26 of Corrections Directors, Wardens, and Chaplains, as well as  
27 Church of God in Christ Bishops and the Church's National  
28 Womens Auxiliary; in addition, her prison ministry was  
29 featured in a television documentary in St. Louis; therefore,  
30 be it

31 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we mourn, along with all who knew her, the death of Mother  
3 Ada Turner; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Mother Ada Turner with our sincere  
6 condolences.