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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the life of Grandmaster Stan McKinney; and

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WHEREAS, Grandmaster McKinney is a 9th degree black belt; he began his studies of the martial arts in the 1960s in Chicago; he obtained his 1st Dan black belt in Shorei Goju Karate in 1970; later, he received his black belt in Kenpo Karate; he has studied Hapkido Karate, Judo, Tae Kwon Do, Gung Fu, Wing Chung, and Kung Fu; and

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WHEREAS, Grandmaster McKinney has taught and lived in the Uptown community for 10 years and worked as a community activist since the 1970s; he has operated martial arts classes for the Chicago Park District and schools around the city that enable students to obtain credit for their studies; he has opened 10 dojos, trained thousands of students, and promoted six black belts; and

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WHEREAS, Grandmaster McKinney is a Midwest heavyweight top ten point fighter champion; he has received Midwest official referee judge of the year from 1995 to 1998; he was appointed regional director of the United Martial Arts Association and inducted into the Black Belt Hall of Fame by the US Federation

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1 of Pankration Athlima (USAFPA); twice, he won the American
2 Karate Association nationals and has been a midwest circuit
3 seniors top ten fighter for five straight years; and

4 WHEREAS, Grandmaster McKinney continues to work in the
5 community, teaching martial arts for free to many youth across
6 the City of Chicago; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 recognize the life of Grandmaster Stan McKinney and thank him
10 for his commitment to his community; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Grandmaster McKinney as a symbol of our respect
13 and esteem.