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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 C.L. "Charles Lester" Patterson of Chicago, who passed away on March 12, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Lester was born to C.L. and Stella (Carter) Patterson on May 8, 1943; he lived his entire life on the Southeast Side of Chicago; he was named after his father with the initials C.L.; when he started school at Bart Elementary, he was asked to give his full name, so he chose Charles Lester Patterson Jr. and was called by that name ever since; he graduated from DuSable High School, where he and a few friends formed the singing group The Inspirations; with their classic Chicago soul harmonies, range, and style, he and the group were often called upon to sing at parties but declined opportunities to professionally advance in the music business; after graduation, he studied computer science at Robert Morris College and worked nights; he married Sandra Marie Verner on November 6, 1966; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Lester worked for Continental Bank and United States Steel Works; he retired from Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad Company in May 2003, after 37 years of service; and

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1 WHEREAS, Charles Lester was a dedicated member of the Power
2 Circle Congregation and the Christian Men of Power Circle
3 Congregation (CMPCC) and sang in the church choir; he enjoyed
4 dancing, singing, playing board and computer games, watching
5 sports and television programs, and a spirited game of Bid
6 Whist; and

7 WHEREAS, Charles Patterson was preceded in death by his
8 parents; and

9 WHEREAS, Charles Patterson is survived by his wife, Sandra
10 Marie; his daughter, Danita Elise; his father-in-law, Roy C.
11 Verner; his uncle, Auguster Miner; his aunt, Eunice Verner; his
12 sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Janice Harris, Lloyd
13 Baugh, Rose Powell, and Roy C. (Diana) Verner Jr.; his nephew,
14 Roddrick (Latonja) Verner; his nieces, Bridgette (Ricky)
15 Ellis, Cheryl Lynn (Jimmy) Horn, Tracy Harris, and Shannon
16 (John) Stokes; his great-nephews and great-nieces; his
17 longtime friends, James and Patricia Majors; the entire Power
18 Circle Congregation Family; and his many other family members
19 and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we mourn the passing of C.L. "Charles Lester" Patterson and

1 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
2 who knew and loved him; and be it further

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