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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of John  
4 Henry McGowan Sr. of Chicago, who recently passed away; and

5           WHEREAS, He was born on April 26, 1942 in Hughes, Arkansas,  
6 to Jody and Ora McGowan; he accepted Christ at an early age; he  
7 attended Cregier High School in Chicago; and

8           WHEREAS, John met his beloved wife Barbara in 1963; they  
9 were married on August 14, 1965; John and Barbara were members  
10 of the Thompson Community Singers; and

11           WHEREAS, He was employed with Oscar Meyer and retired when  
12 the Chicago plant closed; he dedicated himself to being his  
13 wife Barbara's official driver to various Cook County events;  
14 he was President of the Gladys/Van Buren Townhouse  
15 Organization, where he lived; he coached a little league  
16 baseball team named the Texas Rangers and was involved in  
17 politics, working in the Harold Washington campaign and playing  
18 a strategic role in the Byrne Burners and Boss Buster  
19 operations; he was also involved in other political activities  
20 across the City of Chicago and Cook County; and

21           WHEREAS, He was known for his BBQ and fried chicken, his

1 art of washing a car, and his sweet, sweet peas; some  
2 highlights of his life were to give his daughter, Donna to  
3 Wesley (who was like a son to him) and when he participated in  
4 the 1st Million Man March; he enjoyed an athletic life; he  
5 would often lift weights with his son, John, Jr.; and

6 WHEREAS, He would travel great distances to support his  
7 son, John, Jr. and grandson, Tony, at their football games; in  
8 addition, he would be present at his granddaughter Kelsee's  
9 games of volleyball, basketball, and track; a proud moment was  
10 when his youngest granddaughter, Ta'Sandra, was called to read  
11 a book at one of her daycare graduations; he was his  
12 grandchildren's #1 fan; and

13 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his  
14 daughter, Joan; and his sister, Thormaine; and

15 WHEREAS, John McGowan Sr. is survived by his wife, Barbara  
16 Jean; his children, Donna (Wesley) and John, Jr; his 3 loving  
17 grandchildren, Tony Donte, Kelsee' Simone, and Ta'Sandra Marie  
18 Jeanette; his sisters, Dorothy and Eddie; his special brother  
19 "in crime", Frank "Gene" Stanton (Addie); his God Daughter,  
20 LaShawn; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts,  
21 and friends; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of  
3 John McGowan Sr.; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of John McGowan Sr. as a symbol of our  
6 sincere sympathy.