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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 Herbert  
4 Lee Hedgeman, who passed away on December 29, 2017; and

5           WHEREAS, Herbert Hedgeman was born in Chicago to Fannie Mae  
6 Hedgeman on November 7, 1928; he attended Chicago Public  
7 Schools and, at the age of 16, joined the United States Army  
8 and served during World War II and the Korean War; after World  
9 War II ended, he remained in Germany performing the saxophone  
10 throughout the country; he studied pre-law at Wilberforce  
11 University, where in 1954 he began a lifelong involvement with  
12 the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity; he married Tricka Harris in  
13 1971; and

14           WHEREAS, Herbert Hedgeman worked as a case worker with the  
15 Cook County Department of Public Aid; he then began a career in  
16 real estate and became known as a "blockbuster" for his talent  
17 of integrating various neighborhoods in Chicago; he was the  
18 first African-American realtor at the Rubloff real estate  
19 company; creating economic development for underdeveloped  
20 communities was a major passion of his; throughout his life he  
21 was passionate about helping the African-American community;  
22 and

1           WHEREAS, Herbert Hedgeman purchased the Sportsman's Inn  
2 Motel in 1973; he had a 50-year career in business and invested  
3 in numerous properties in Illinois, Michigan, and Georgia; he  
4 was the sponsor of WVON's "The Bob Shaw" show and one of the  
5 founders of We Can Inc.; and

6           WHEREAS, Herbert Hedgeman started the Herbert Hedgeman  
7 Foundation to provide students with financial assistance for  
8 their Wilberforce University education; he was known in his  
9 community for his generosity and kindness; he thrived to bring  
10 out the best in people and help them become successful in their  
11 endeavors; and

12           WHEREAS, Herbert Hedgeman was preceded in death by his  
13 wife, Tricka; and

14           WHEREAS, Herbert Hedgeman is survived by his son, Kenneth  
15 Hedgeman; his daughters, Denita Hedgeman, Kori Scurlock, TK  
16 Karadzovski, and Cici Foster (Kevin); his grandchildren,  
17 Avante and Dante Hedgeman and Diamond and Imani Foster; his  
18 great-grandchild, Ayanna Hedgeman; his faithful dog, Ace; and  
19 numerous cousins and friends; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
21 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
22 mourn the passing of Herbert Lee Hedgeman, and extend our

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

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