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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 Dr. Rudy  
4 L. Horne, Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Morehouse  
5 University, who passed away on December 12, 2017; and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Horne was born in Englewood to Rudy and  
7 Carolyn Horne; he grew up near 79th and Hermitage and took  
8 swimming lessons at Foster Park at 83rd and Loomis; his father  
9 worked at a Sherwin-Williams plant, and his mother helped  
10 operate a day care center; the family eventually moved to  
11 University Park, and he graduated from Crete-Monee High School;  
12 he then earned double degrees in math and physics from the  
13 University of Oklahoma in 1991; he earned a master's degree in  
14 physics in 1994, a master's degree in math in 1996, and his  
15 doctorate in applied mathematics in 2001 at the University of  
16 Colorado; and

17           WHEREAS, Dr. Horne joined the faculty at Morehouse College  
18 in August 2010 and was promoted to Assistant Professor in 2015;  
19 prior to Morehouse, he taught at Florida State University, the  
20 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and California  
21 State University, East Bay; and

22           WHEREAS, Dr. Horne was a member of the Society of

1 Industrial and Applied Mathematicians; in 2016, he was asked to  
2 serve as a math consultant for the movie "Hidden Figures"; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Horne enjoyed sushi, Ethiopian food, and the  
4 television show "Law and Order;" as a child, he was an avid  
5 comic book collector, and his favorites were Marvel, DC, Star  
6 Wars, and Star Trek; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Horne was a beloved educator who was regarded  
8 as a "rock star" of math after his brush with fame; friends and  
9 colleagues knew him as a direct role model for African-American  
10 male students because they could see themselves as hardcore  
11 applied mathematicians and have fun while doing it; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Horne is survived by his mother; his brother,  
13 William; and his sister, Frances Harper; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 mourn the passing of Dr. Rudy L. Horne and extend our sincere  
17 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
18 him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Dr. Horne as an expression of our  
21 deepest sympathy.