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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 Randy Crumpton of Chicago, who passed away on January 14, 2019 at the age of 53; and

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WHEREAS, Randy Crumpton grew up on Chicago's Southside; he attended Percy L. Julian High School and began his higher education at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; while there, he pledged Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated; he later earned his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago; he received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa College of Law; and

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WHEREAS, Randy Crumpton built a reputation as one of Chicago's go-to lawyers in several specialty areas; his work in the justice system included serving as a court-appointed attorney in the Child Protection Division; he also handled complex civil litigation, criminal matters, election law cases, and entertainment law; and

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WHEREAS, Over the last decade, Randy Crumpton served as a board member of the Chicago International Film Festival and as chair of the festival's Black Perspectives Committee; he was also an ambassador and contributor to the American Black Film

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1 Festival; he worked with nonprofits from the Stedman Graham
2 Foundation to collaborate on honoring some of the best and
3 brightest in Black cinema and entertainment; he produced
4 award-winning short films, including The Truth and Little K,
5 and helped co-found the Frankie Knuckles Foundation in an
6 effort to continue the producer's legacy; currently, he was
7 working on his third annual Happy Birthday Langston Hughes - A
8 Celebration in Poetry, Prose, and Song; he was dedicated to
9 nurturing African American talent and passionate about
10 connecting people; he was quiet, approachable, and loved by
11 many; and

12 WHEREAS, Randy Crumpton is survived by his sister, Betty,
13 and his brothers, Jerome, Cornell, Clarence, and Ray;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we mourn the passing of Randy Crumpton and extend our sincere
18 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
19 him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Randy Crumpton as an expression of
22 our deepest sympathy.