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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 Leon C.  
4 Cosey Jr., who passed away on March 21, 2019; and

5           WHEREAS, Leon Cosey Jr. was born in Beulah, Mississippi to  
6 Irene Alexander and L.C. Cosey on October 19, 1944; he  
7 graduated high school from the Nugent Center School in Benoit,  
8 Mississippi; in 1966, he relocated to North Chicago, where he  
9 met Cheryl Y. Toney, and they married on October 29 of that  
10 year; in 1967, he committed to his faith and began a life of  
11 service to his church and his community; and

12           WHEREAS, Leon Cosey Jr. left his career in the security  
13 field to work in the ministry full time; he served in many  
14 capacities, including the transportation ministry, the Deacon  
15 Board, the ministerial staff, and the District Sunday School,  
16 where he was also superintendent; he continued his education  
17 with the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Trinity Assemblies  
18 of God College, where he received his certificate of  
19 completion, and Logos Bible College, where he received his  
20 Bachelor of Ministry degree; and

21           WHEREAS, Leon Cosey Jr. established the Love Temple Church  
22 of God in Christ on June 7, 1981, which eventually became the

1 Love Temple International Christian Center; he also  
2 established the Taking it to the Street Ministry, the Love  
3 Temple Bible College, the A Time to Love Ministry, the Love  
4 Temple School of Ministry, and the Macedonia Call, later  
5 renamed the Body of Christ No More Walls; he was also elected  
6 president of the United Ministries of Christ and served for  
7 over ten years; in September 2000, he was ordained an Apostle  
8 of Jesus Christ and was made a member of the Apostolic Counsel  
9 for Lake County, where he served until his death; and

10 WHEREAS, Leon Cosey Jr. was preceded in death by his  
11 parents and one of his brothers; and

12 WHEREAS, Leon Cosey Jr. is survived by his wife, Cheryl Y.  
13 Cosey; his children, Bonetha (Arlander) McGee Nelson, Mark A.  
14 Cosey, Pastor Roland P. (Keisha) Cosey, Leon C. Cosey III,  
15 Milana T. (Jesse) Cosey-Green, and MiToyia L. (Jordan) Cosey;  
16 his brother, Bishop Wells (Trudy) Griffin; his 15  
17 grandchildren; his five great-grandchildren; his three  
18 sisters-in-law; his two brothers-in-law; and his many nieces,  
19 nephews, 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 Leon C. Cosey Jr. and extend our  
23 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew

1 and loved him; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this presentation be  
3 presented to the family of Leon Cosey Jr. as an expression of  
4 our deepest sympathy.