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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 Fred
4 Richard Hunter Jr. of Chicago, who passed away on September 13,
5 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, Fred Hunter Jr. was born in Chicago to Ezzie Mae
7 Jackson Hunter and Fred Richard Hunter Sr. on February 25,
8 1948; he committed to his faith at an early age and was
9 baptized at Antioch M.B. Church; he attended Chicago Public
10 Schools and graduated from Wendell Phillips High School in
11 1965; he received his Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor
12 in French from Illinois State University; he received his
13 Master of Arts in English from Chicago State University; a
14 lifelong learner, he continued coursework related to his chosen
15 field, including proposal writing, communications, and
16 curriculum development, at a number of area colleges and
17 universities; and

18 WHEREAS, Fred Hunter Jr. began his career in education with
19 the Chicago Board of Education in 1969; he accepted assignments
20 at Bowen High School, where he taught English, and Whitney
21 Young High School, where he taught English, grammar,
22 literature, and journalism and was the Faculty Advisor for the
23 school newspaper, The Beacon; his classes were often

1 fun-filled, creative, and challenging; he later worked as an
2 editor for the Office of Instructional Services at the Chicago
3 Public Schools Central Office; he retired from that department
4 in 2004; after retirement, he worked for the Chicago Defender
5 and started his own business, Fred's Ed Editorial Services; and

6 WHEREAS, Fred Hunter Jr. was active in his community and
7 was a member of the National and Chicago Associations of Black
8 Journalists; he was a member of the Antioch M.B. Church for
9 many years; later, he transferred his membership to Mt. Pisgah
10 M.B. Church, the church his mother attended for over 50 years,
11 and was a member of the male chorus; he enjoyed spending time
12 with his classmates from Wendell Phillips and Illinois State
13 University, playing Bid Whist, dancing, playing tennis, and
14 wearing his Green Bay Packers wool cap; he will be remembered
15 for his good deeds and as a funny, considerate, caring person
16 who put the needs of others before his own; and

17 WHEREAS, Fred Hunter Jr. is survived by his sister,
18 Carolyn; his nephews, Lamar and Antoine; his godsons, Darian,
19 David, and DuJuan; his Wendell Phillips and Illinois State
20 families; his caregivers, Bobbie and Rosalyn; and many other
21 relatives and friends; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
23 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn the passing of Fred Richard Hunter Jr. and extend our
2 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
3 and loved him; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Fred Hunter Jr. as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.