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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 Marc Zohntell Loveless of Chicago, who passed away on March 9, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Marc Loveless was born in Detroit, Michigan to Benny Dunn Loveless and Margret Loveless on March 23, 1961; he graduated from Redford High School in Detroit in 1978; he earned his bachelor's degree in political science and broadcasting from Wayne State University; he attended Wilberforce University, where he worked with a Roman Catholic campus ministry, hosted a radio show, and honed his leadership skills in student political organizations; he attended Roosevelt University in pursuit of a graduate degree; and

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WHEREAS, Marc Loveless was a public servant, civil rights activist, and an HIV/AIDS advocate; in 1984, he created Loveless Consulting, a social marketing firm specializing in public policy, civil rights, and social justice; beginning in 1996, he worked as a freelance paralegal; he was the founding executive director of the Coalition for Justice and Respect (CJR), a Chicago-based, African American, same-gender loving agency involved in social justice, civil rights advocacy, and addressing health disparities; and

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1           WHEREAS, Marc Loveless was the first openly gay elected  
2 official in Chicago and the State of Illinois, serving on the  
3 local school councils of two schools in Chicago; he was elected  
4 to serve as Committeeman of the 32nd Ward in Chicago for the  
5 Harold Washington Party in 1996; he was elected Ward  
6 Committeeman of the 48th Ward of the Green Party in 2004; he  
7 ran for city clerk in Chicago in 2015, becoming the first  
8 African American gay man to run for a citywide office; he ran  
9 as a write-in candidate for the Illinois House of  
10 Representatives in 2020; and

11           WHEREAS, Marc Loveless was involved in a number of  
12 organizations and served on the board of the Chicago Social  
13 Enterprise Alliance, the Illinois Common Cause, and the  
14 Reverend Al Sharpton's National Action Network (NAN) Chicago;  
15 he also served on the Chicago Public Radio Community Advisory  
16 Council; and

17           WHEREAS, Marc Loveless received recognition for his  
18 service to his community, including the 2013 Human Rights Award  
19 from Creativity United, a 2012 Drum Major Award presented by  
20 President Barack Obama, a 2009 Trailblazer Award from Fathers  
21 Who Care, and the Hope and Spirit Award from the Chicago  
22 Department of Public Health; and

1           WHEREAS, Marc Loveless was known as a trailblazer, a  
2           tireless warrior, and a funny and loving friend; he was a  
3           Capuchin Franciscan Friar; he enjoyed independent films, fine  
4           dining, Chicago's eclectic arts and cultural attractions, and  
5           concerts; he will be remembered for his public service,  
6           activism, and support of the LGBT community; and

7           WHEREAS, Marc Loveless is survived by his son, Jonathan,  
8           and his family; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10          HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11          we mourn the passing of Marc Zohntell Loveless and extend our  
12          sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
13          and loved him; and be it further

14          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15          presented to the family of Marc Loveless as an expression of  
16          our deepest sympathy.