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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 Wendell  
4 Allen Jackson Sr. of Chicago, who passed away on July 25, 2020;  
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6           WHEREAS, Wendell Jackson was born to Eula Mae and Lawrence  
7 Robert Jackson in 1938; he studied at Tilden Technical High  
8 School, Loop College (Harold Washington College), Chicago  
9 State University, and Roosevelt University, where he earned a  
10 Bachelor of Arts in Social Work; he married civil rights  
11 activist Ruby Jackson in the late 1960s; he later married  
12 Chicago artist and educator Eleanor Powell Jackson; he was a  
13 longtime resident of the Hyde Park neighborhood; and

14           WHEREAS, Wendell Jackson retired as a child specialist for  
15 the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services; and

16           WHEREAS, Wendell Jackson was a legendary actor, orator, and  
17 singer; he was loved by scholars and entertainers across  
18 genres; he recently published a volume of original poetry  
19 entitled Poems of My Life; he also recently wrote and sang the  
20 new CD, Slowbreakers, and narrated the CD, the Paul Robeson  
21 Story; and

1           WHEREAS, Wendell Jackson performed for the opening of the  
2 Rald Institute's Art Exhibition Fundraiser at the Chicago  
3 Theological Seminary on February 18, 2020; and

4           WHEREAS, Wendell Jackson was a delightful talent with a  
5 strong presence; he was a generous, loving friend; and

6           WHEREAS, Wendell Jackson was a faithful church servant and  
7 served first at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Lilydale  
8 Missionary Baptist, where his dad was the founder; he then  
9 served many years at Macedonia Tabernacle M.B. Church under his  
10 brother; and

11           WHEREAS, Wendell Jackson was preceded in death by his first  
12 wife, Ruby; and

13           WHEREAS, Wendell Jackson is survived by his children, Sauda  
14 Azizza Jackson, Wendell Jackson Jr., Lawrence Jackson, and Emon  
15 Samarra; his sisters, Dorothy Smith, Loretta Jackson, Myrna  
16 McWhite, Arzetta Askew, and Dr. Uletta Butler; and his  
17 brothers, Robert Jackson Sr., Rev. Maurice Jackson, William  
18 Jackson Sr., and Rev. Dr. Fredrick G. Jackson Sr.; therefore,  
19 be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
21 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn the passing of Wendell Allen Jackson Sr. and extend  
2 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who  
3 knew and loved him; and be it further

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