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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Randy Crumpton of Chicago, who passed away on January 14, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Randy Crumpton was born in Chicago to Lander and Symathew Crumpton on April 16, 1965; he committed to his faith at an early age while attending the Fernwood United Methodist Church; he attended Van Vlissingen Elementary School and Percy L. Julian High School; he continued his formal education at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, where he pledged the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and joined the fraternity's Epsilon Pi Collegiate Chapter in 1985; his interest in law school, politics, and election law was sparked when working with the late Chicago Mayor Harold Washington; he later graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago and received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa College of Law; and

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WHEREAS, Immediately after law school, Randy Crumpton worked at Howse, Howse, Neville, and Gray, where he served as a law clerk to P. Scott Neville Jr.; after passing the bar exam, he began his law practice at the Law Offices of James Lourgos; he later started his own law firm and became a distinguished entertainment and election law attorney; he practiced in the

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1 areas of real estate, civil litigation, criminal law,  
2 evictions, probate, estate planning and copyright and also  
3 served as a court appointed attorney in the Child Protection  
4 Division of the Juvenile Court of Cook County; he was an expert  
5 on election law and argued and won Jackson v. Board of Election  
6 Commissioners before the Illinois Supreme Court; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to his law practice, Randy Crumpton  
8 was prominent in the film and television industry and served as  
9 a board member of the Chicago International Film Festival; for  
10 over 20 years, he was the chairperson of its Black Perspectives  
11 Committee; he also served as an ambassador and contributor to  
12 the American Black Film Festival; he turned his admiration for  
13 filmmaking into a reality with his longtime friend, James  
14 Ramos; together, they formed Brave Face Productions and  
15 produced award-winning short films; he also co-produced Happy  
16 Birthday Langston Hughes - A Celebration in Poetry, Prose, and  
17 Song; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2003, Randy Crumpton was appointed by the  
19 Governor to the Illinois Visual Media Task Force and was  
20 selected to attend the 2005 Sundance Institute's Independent  
21 Producer's Conference; he was instrumental in the dedication of  
22 a street to the late DJ Frankie Knuckles; in 2006, he became  
23 the director of MOVE! - The Chicago International House of  
24 Music Festival; in 2014, he co-founded and served as

1 co-director of the Frankie Knuckles Foundation NFP; in 2016, he  
2 brought club owners, film producers, and entrepreneurs  
3 together to produce the film The Warehouse; and

4 WHEREAS, Randy Crumpton remained committed to his  
5 fraternity; for many years, he served as the Great Lakes  
6 Regional Legal Counsel, the chairperson of the Carnation Ball  
7 for the Upsilon Sigma Alumni Chapter, and was named chairperson  
8 for 2019; he was active in the Cook County Bar Association and  
9 served as editor of the newsletter; he was one of the founding  
10 members of the Guide Group, L.L.C, which published the Guide to  
11 Black Chicago and the Guide to Chicago's Black Lawyers; he  
12 served as a member of the Character and Fitness Committee of  
13 the Illinois Supreme Court; he was known for his creativity,  
14 commitment, passion, and sincere friendship; and

15 WHEREAS, Randy Crumpton was preceded in death by his  
16 parents and his brothers, Robert, Carl Lee, Billy, and Pete;  
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18 WHEREAS, Randy Crumpton is survived by his sister, Betty;  
19 his brothers, Corneal, Jerome, William, and Clarence; his  
20 nieces, Khadijah, Felicia, and Natasha; his nephews, Carl, Jr.,  
21 Treymaine, and Corneal Jr.; his godfather, Rev. Albert Sampson;  
22 his godmother, Jann Bennett Williams; his soror and cousin, Pam  
23 Clanton; his longtime fraternity brother and friend, Dr. Tim

1 Jones; his godsons, Kendall Dunkin and Anthony, Akeem,  
2 Frederick, and Nicholas Jackson; his many great-nieces and  
3 great-nephews; his great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews;  
4 his loving cousins; and his many friends; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Randy Crumpton and extend our sincere condolences to his  
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Randy Crumpton as an expression of  
12 our deepest sympathy.