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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  
4 Fitzgerald Barrington Davis, who passed away on November 1,  
5 2021; and

6           WHEREAS, Fitzgerald Davis was born to Barrington and  
7 Gwendolyn Davis on May 15, 1944; as a child, he had an interest  
8 in engineering and construction, and at the age of 13, he  
9 started training with one of his community's finest  
10 carpenters; he attended Rennock Lodge Government School and  
11 graduated from Saint Ann Technical Trade School; and

12           WHEREAS, Fitzgerald Davis held several different positions  
13 in both the private and public sectors; early in his career, he  
14 worked as a contractor for Gores Brothers and was regarded as  
15 one of the best in his profession; he was recruited to a  
16 supervisory position with the Pioneer Corporation and  
17 ultimately served as a contractor for the Roads and Works  
18 Department in Kingston, Jamaica, where he oversaw the  
19 development of critical infrastructure projects and roads in  
20 and around the Kingston area; and

21           WHEREAS, Fitzgerald Davis understood that his job was more  
22 than just repairing roads and buildings and could benefit

1 underserved families through community development and jobs;  
2 he created programs to help young people learn trades and  
3 develop their skills; he subsequently employed many of these  
4 young people and provided them with opportunities for growth,  
5 which improved the quality of life for residents and  
6 strengthened his community; and

7 WHEREAS, Fitzgerald Davis sought opportunities to empower  
8 others and to care for the most vulnerable people in his  
9 community; his advocacy for underserved populations led him to  
10 a career in politics; he was chairman of the People's National  
11 Party and was the youth leader for the Rennock Lodge Youth  
12 Organization; during his time as chairman, he worked with  
13 government leaders to improve conditions for children and  
14 families in Kingston; and

15 WHEREAS, Fitzgerald Davis immigrated to the United States  
16 in January of 1981 and settled in the Rogers Park neighborhood  
17 of Chicago with his wife and children; his first job was with  
18 St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, followed by a position with  
19 a tuckpointing company; he then worked for the Village of  
20 Glencoe for 16 years, retiring in 2006; and

21 WHEREAS, Fitzgerald Davis continued to serve his community  
22 as a volunteer for numerous nonprofit organizations after his  
23 retirement; he was also actively involved with the Democratic

1 Party of Evanston and worked as a crossing guard for the city;  
2 he deeply enjoyed serving as a crossing guard and woke up each  
3 morning looking forward to seeing the children along his path  
4 and brightening their day with words of encouragement or a  
5 witty quip that made them smile; and

6 WHEREAS, Fitzgerald Davis was an elder at First Church of  
7 God Christian Life Center in Evanston and then became an Elder  
8 at Deliverance Temple Church in Skokie; his faith was the  
9 driving force in his life, and he leaves behind a legacy of  
10 faith, unconditional love, and kindness; and

11 WHEREAS, Fitzgerald Davis is survived by his devoted wife  
12 of 49 years, Sonia Davis; his daughters, Rose Scott and Karen  
13 Davis; his sons, Byron (Marie) Davis, Lloyd (Lorraine) Davis,  
14 and Dave (Tara) Davis; his grandchildren, Klarissa Davis,  
15 Lloyd Davis Jr., Kayla Davis, Leah Davis, Theo Davis, and  
16 Steven Davis; his great-grandchildren, Ivy and Oakley; his  
17 brothers, Philip and Chris Davis; his sisters, Deloris Scott,  
18 Beverly Burnett, and Angela Lodge; and numerous other loving  
19 relatives and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
21 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we mourn the passing of Fitzgerald Barrington Davis and extend  
23 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who

1 knew and loved him; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Fitzgerald Davis as an expression  
4 of our deepest sympathy.