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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 Ronald
4 Gregory Draper; and

5 WHEREAS, Ronald Draper was born to Denmon and Gladys
6 Draper in Chicago on February 8, 1950; he learned the meaning
7 of hard work at an early age as a paperboy, bus boy, and number
8 runner in the Chatham community; he graduated at the top of his
9 class from Martha Ruggles Elementary School in 1963; he
10 attended Harlan High School, where he participated in cross
11 country and track and field and broke the state record for the
12 120-yard high hurdles, leading his team to the Illinois State
13 High School Championship; he enrolled at the North Carolina
14 Colleges for Negroes, now known as North Carolina Central
15 University, on a track and field scholarship in 1967 and
16 became a 5-time College All-American between 1970 and 1971; he
17 earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science from NCCU in
18 1971; he earned his Juris Doctor in 1974; he married Virginia
19 Reynolds in 1975, and they had two sons, Jason and Brandon
20 Draper; he passed the Cook County Bar Exam in 1975; he married
21 Vivian Boone in 1987, and she preceded him in death in November
22 1991; and

23 WHEREAS, After passing the bar, Ronald Draper began

1 working as an assistant district attorney with the Cook County
2 State's Attorney office; as a prosecutor, he applied himself
3 vigorously but realized that role was not his true passion; he
4 eventually left the State's Attorney office for private
5 practice as a criminal defense attorney, where he worked for
6 justice and championed the rights of defendants who were sent
7 to prison without a fair trial or by means of false evidence;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Ronald Draper was an active member of the St.
10 Mark United Methodist Church, Grove Phi Grove, Kappa Alpha
11 Psi, and the Cook County Bar Association; he was an avid golfer
12 and world traveler; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we mourn the passing of Ronald Gregory Draper and extend our
16 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
17 and loved him; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Ronald Draper as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.