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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 Jerry
4 Brown of Chicago, who passed away on November 10, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Jerry Brown was born to Elmer L. and Gladys C.
6 (McGill) Brown in Chicago on December 17, 1954; he grew up on
7 the West Side of Chicago on Roosevelt, and his family moved to
8 Marynook in 1964; he attended Avalon Park Elementary School;
9 he graduated from Bowen High School in 1972, where he
10 participated in ROTC and played football; he briefly attended
11 Bishop College in Marshall, Texas; he married Robin Richards
12 in 1981; they had three children, Jerry II, Ryanne, and
13 Jerome, and raised them in the Beverly neighborhood; and

14 WHEREAS, Jerry Brown began his professional career as a
15 shoe salesman at Florsheim Shoes; he became a telephone
16 technician at Illinois Bell in 1978, and he retired after 15
17 years of service; he continued to take many contract
18 positions, including leading telecommunications development at
19 Midway Airport; due to these experiences, he became known as
20 the family's handyman; and

21 WHEREAS, Jerry Brown committed to his faith at a young
22 age; as an adult, he attended Lilydale Progressive Baptist and

1 Trinity United Church of Christ; he read the Bible daily, and
2 he loved to discuss, debate, and weave the words he read into
3 his political views; and

4 WHEREAS, Jerry Brown became an active and outspoken
5 community organizer on the South Side in his later years,
6 working closely with the alderman's office and becoming deeply
7 involved with the homeowners' association to help reduce
8 crime, revitalize 87th street commerce, and much more; he
9 helped co-found and worked closely with community
10 organizations committed to providing support to families in
11 the area, including the South Area Civic League and Roseland
12 Matters; as a lifelong South Sider, he believed in its promise
13 and did everything he could to fight for the residents and be a
14 voice of the community; and

15 WHEREAS, Jerry Brown's voice became a microphone for
16 community issues; he was a regular on many radio shows,
17 including the Ben Joravsky Show, Stephanie Trusell, and WVON;
18 he hosted his own internet radio show called Policy Matters;
19 his preferred platform was Facebook, where he committed
20 himself every day to providing strong opinions on politics,
21 society, and crime in Chicago; he was known for "telling it
22 like it is" and for often getting into debates with anyone
23 willing; and

1 WHEREAS, Jerry Brown brought intelligence, passion, and
2 conviction to everything he did; his family was his pride and
3 joy, and he loved spending time with them; and

4 WHEREAS, Jerry Brown was preceded in death by his sibling,
5 Elmer; and

6 WHEREAS, Jerry Brown is survived by his children, Jerry II
7 (Lauren), Ryanne, and Jerome; his grandchildren, Jacob,
8 Jackson, Julian, and Jacoby; his former wife, Robin; his
9 mother, Gladys; his siblings, Gladys Emir and Lloyd; and a
10 host of beloved family and lifelong and Facebook friends;
11 therefore, be it

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

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Jerry Brown as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.