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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 Ian
4 Jerrod Dabney, who passed away on June 3, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Ian Dabney was born in Chicago to Jerome and
6 Argentina Dabney on December 24, 1987 and was raised on the
7 West Side of Chicago and in Oak Park; as a child, he attended
8 Bethel Lutheran Church and then Shekinah Ministries; he
9 followed his dad's every move each summer, inevitably
10 participating in the Simba Circle's summer rites of passage
11 program, which offered Afro-diasporic teachings designed to
12 develop young inner-city boys into thriving young men; he
13 developed a love for community and became a Simba Circle
14 Nation Builder, counselor, and mentor; and

15 WHEREAS, Ian Dabney married Troyah in Cancun, Mexico on
16 May 21, 2021; and

17 WHEREAS, Ian Dabney's lifelong admiration for Kobe Bryant
18 led him to pursue his dream of working in the field; he forged
19 relationships with NBA trainers, referees, and star players,
20 most notable three-time NBA champion and friend, Andre
21 Iguadola, and used his passion and skill for the game to work
22 with youth who loved the game just as he did; his most notable

1 work was as a volunteer Sports Enrichment and Advocacy
2 Specialist at the Linda and Bill Gantz Boys and Girls Club of
3 Chicago (Lakeview Lakers) in the Lakeview community; his
4 ongoing passion and ardent entrepreneurship led him to start
5 the program For the Win, LLC, where he trained young athletes
6 in life skills and so much more through focused player
7 development, fitness, coaching, and mentoring; and

8 WHEREAS, Ian Dabney never missed an opportunity to joke
9 lovingly with others, which always resulted in fun, smiles,
10 and laughter; he possessed a spirit of kindness, honesty,
11 compassion, intelligence, and loyalty, and he was an
12 adventurous lover of life; he had a positive impact on many
13 lives; and

14 WHEREAS, Ian Dabney was preceded in death by his
15 great-grandparents and grandparents; his aunts, Gail and
16 Diane; and his cousins, Ramon and Jori; and

17 WHEREAS, Ian Dabney is survived by his wife, Troyah; his
18 daughter who is on the way; his parents; his siblings, Jermale
19 Sr. (Kimyatta), Terrence, Ashlei, and Jai; numerous nieces and
20 nephews, cousins, in-laws, and extended family; his Godmother;
21 and a close circle of friends; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we mourn the passing of Ian Jerrod Dabney and extend our
3 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
4 and loved him; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Ian Dabney as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.