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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 Robert
4 Dyas Gordon Sr. of Springfield, who passed away on July 22,
5 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Gordon was born to William Moss and Ethel
7 Dyas Gordon in Colorado City, Texas on October 15, 1927; he
8 served in World War II and Korea; he married Ruby Jeanne Stokes
9 in Abilene, Texas on September 7, 1949; and

10 WHEREAS, Robert Gordon spent a few years with the FBI in
11 Washington, D.C. before joining the broadcast industry,
12 becoming a pioneer broadcaster and television personality; he
13 helped build a television station from the ground up in
14 Tupelo, Mississippi in the mid-1950s; he spent the balance of
15 his professional career as a broadcast executive, much of it
16 in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he served as vice president and
17 general manager of WCPO-TV for 17 years; during his time in
18 Cincinnati, he also served as the chairman of the Television
19 Board of the National Association of Broadcasters and was
20 honored by the establishment of a City of Hope Robert D. Gordon
21 Medical Research Fellowship; he retired as president and CEO
22 of Boston University Communications, Inc. in 2001; and

1 WHEREAS, Robert Gordon was a champion horseman, marksman,
2 boat enthusiast, and golfer; he approached each hobby with
3 100% dedication; upon retirement, he became interested in art
4 and began his art education at the Cincinnati Art Academy; he
5 became a member of the Prairie Art Alliance after he and his
6 wife moved to Springfield to be near family in 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert Gordon was preceded in death by his
8 parents and his brother, John Gordon; and

9 WHEREAS, Robert Gordon is survived by his wife of 72
10 years, Ruby; his sons, Robert (Suzanne) Gordon Jr., Jeffrey
11 (Bette) Gordon, and Gus (Claire) Gordon; his grandchildren,
12 Jesse (Tina) Gordon, Joshua (Meryl) Gordon, Grace (fiancé,
13 Mitchell Koenig) Gordon, Amy (Evan) Himes, John Gordon,
14 Lindsay (Tommy) Dickerson, and Keri (Sean) Quinn; his
15 great-grandchildren, Joshua, Sky, Avery, and River; and his
16 niece, Linda Gordon; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we mourn the passing of Robert Dyas Gordon Sr. and extend our
20 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
21 and loved him; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Robert Gordon as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.