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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 Walter
4 Arnold Jones Sr.; and

5 WHEREAS, Walter Jones was born to Mary Louise and Russell
6 Donald Jones Jr. on November 7, 1952; he was a native of Morgan
7 Park; he first attended school at Holy Name of Mary Catholic
8 Church, which was founded by his grandmother, Grace Agnes
9 Spillman, other relatives, and their Morgan Park neighbors; he
10 then attended Saint Dorothy's Catholic School and Leo Catholic
11 School before graduating from Morgan Park High School in 1970;
12 he earned his Psychology degree from Chicago State University;
13 he married Lesa in 2001, and they both brought two children
14 into their union and continued building their family together;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Walter Jones worked at UPS and Sherwin Williams
17 before beginning his career at the YMCA of Metropolitan
18 Chicago; after retiring from the YMCA, he managed the dock of
19 300 North LaSalle; he also owned his own renovation company;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Walter Jones was a novelist and published his
22 novel Blue: A Story of Extraordinary Courage in 2014; and

1 WHEREAS, Walter Jones was a remarkable musician with a
2 great voice, a gift for the guitar, and a penchant for
3 songwriting; he was a builder who loved using his hands to add
4 character to his home and others; he was also an artist who
5 used any medium available; and

6 WHEREAS, Walter Jones will be remembered for his strong
7 work ethic, integrity, honor, and love; and

8 WHEREAS, Walter Jones was preceded in death by his
9 parents; his brother, Russell Donald Jones III; and his son,
10 Walter Arnold Jones Jr.; and

11 WHEREAS, Walter Jones is survived by his wife; his
12 children, Nicole, Jason, Kenneth, Adena, Eteria, and Marcus;
13 his many grandchildren; his brothers, Kenneth and Gerald; his
14 sisters, Rebecca (John) and Dorothy; his extended family; and
15 his many friends; therefore, be it

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

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Walter Jones as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.