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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Jon Veal of Chicago, who passed away on December 21, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Jon Veal was a transdisciplinary artist focused on the capacity of symbolic gesture as a strategy, using his artistic agency as a platform for building communal spaces; his artwork was exhibited at the Chicago Artist Department, Silent Funny, the William Hill Gallery, the Homewood Science Center, the Chicago Cultural Ball, the Kiss the Brain Gallery, the Catich Gallery at St. Ambrose University, and the Terrain Biennial representing Austin, Chicago; he was the first African American artist in Residence at Oak Park Public Library and held the Field/Work Artist in Residence position at Chicago Artist Coalition in 2019; and

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WHEREAS, In 2019, Jon Veal and Jordan Campbell co-founded alt_Chicago, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, artist-led organization that aims to transform the communities of Chicago through art; their organization became known for its free community markets on the West and South sides and their flagship venture Project Stamp, a campaign to document the lives of West Siders through portraits taken in neighborhood spaces; at the time of his passing, alt_Chicago had collected \$350,000 over the past year

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1 to hire staff, realize projects, and eventually find a
2 permanent studio on the West Side; and

3 WHEREAS, Through alt_Chicago, Jon Veal received numerous
4 honors, grants, fellowships, and opportunities to serve the
5 City of Chicago through several programs, including Project
6 Stamp, alt_Market, alt_b.i.n., Redemptive Plastics, and alt_
7 Academy; in 2020, he was a recipient of 3Arts' Make A Wave
8 grant and the Chicago Artist Coalition's Spark grant, which
9 recognizes exceptional artists working in Chicago; in 2021, he
10 was invited to join the Resource Global Chicago Cohort in
11 addition to being named the 2021 Spring Latham Fellow at the
12 IIT Institute of Design; and

13 WHEREAS, Jon Veal served on the auxiliary Board of
14 Directors for the Design Museum of Chicago and on the Chicago
15 Avenue Corridor Improvement Study Team in partnership with the
16 Lamar Johnson Collaborative and the Chicago Department of
17 Transportation; and

18 WHEREAS, Jon Veal was known for his ability to converse
19 with strangers and quickly become friends; he will be
20 remembered for his work and his commitment to bringing art and
21 opportunity to the West Side; and

22 WHEREAS, Jon Veal is survived by his fiancée, Brittney

1 Carolina; his mother, Karen Veal; his father, Joseph Veal; and
2 his sister, Cartier Veal; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we mourn the passing of Jon Veal and extend our sincere
6 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
7 him; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Jon Veal as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.