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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 Keith
4 Edward Harris, who passed away on February 9, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Keith Harris was born in Chicago to Roy and
6 Nellie Jean Harris on April 17, 1968; he grew up in Bellwood,
7 where he attended Roosevelt Middle School and graduated from
8 St. Joseph High School in Westchester; after high school, he
9 attended Triton College and graduated from Lewis University in
10 Romeoville with an associate's degree in Business
11 Administration and Management; he married Tassanee "Tess"
12 Bailey on August 29, 1992; and

13 WHEREAS, Keith Harris had an illustrious career spanning
14 three decades; he worked in the insurance industry for
15 MetLife, Mercer Insurance, and Cigna; he was also a
16 businessman and entrepreneur and owned and managed several
17 residential properties; he made a hobby out of going to Home
18 Depot, where he would often spend hours; and

19 WHEREAS, Keith Harris was a servant at heart; he was on the
20 police force of the Bellwood Police Department for a short
21 period of time; he also served as a trustee for the Village of
22 Bellwood and on the Planning & Zoning Commissioner Board; he

1 later became a member of the Homewood Community Events Board
2 and was a longtime active and faithful board member of
3 Operation Uplift and Taproots, Inc.; and

4 WHEREAS, Keith Harris committed to his faith at an early
5 age; while still living in Bellwood, he and Tess attended Rock
6 of Ages Baptist Church in Maywood; after moving to Homewood,
7 they attended Victory Apostolic Church in Matteson, where he
8 enjoyed the Men's Ministry weekly sessions, affectionately
9 known as the "Basement"; and

10 WHEREAS, Keith Harris was a loyal, admired, trusted, and
11 committed friend to many; he had a humble personality and was
12 always open, warm, welcoming, thoughtful, respectful, and
13 considerate to everyone; he looked out for his neighbors and
14 would often shovel their snow, just like he did his own; when
15 outdoors in the spring and summer, his pride and joy was his
16 prize-winning lawn that was admired by all; when the kids in
17 the neighborhood needed air in their bikes, he was the "go to"
18 bike maintenance guy; he was also the neighborhood carpool
19 driver and made several stops to drop kids off at school; and

20 WHEREAS, Keith Harris was preceded in death by his
21 grandparents, Robert and Bernice Harris and Herbert and Ruby
22 Taylor; his uncles, Joe, Richard, and Robert Taylor and
23 Melvin, Tyrone, and Jeffery Bailey; his aunts, Eva Starks,

1 Shirley Golston, and June Taylor; and his cousins Michael and
2 Charles Harris; and

3 WHEREAS, Keith Harris is survived by his wife, Tassanee;
4 his son, Kendall; his daughter, Ariana; his parents, Roy and
5 Nellie Jean Harris and Duane and Barbara Lee Sr.; his sister,
6 Sylvia (Adrian) Zeno; his brother, Duane (Christian) Lee Jr.;
7 his aunts, Janette Latiker, Stella Taylor, Yolanda Taylor,
8 Alma Walton, Demetrius (Gerald) Barbee, and Lisa Johnson; his
9 uncles, Robert Harris, Howard Starks Sr., Herbert Taylor, and
10 Bernard Bailey; his great-aunts, Meloneal Hobson and Mattie
11 White; his nieces, Gisele, Skky, Nova, and Reign; his nephew,
12 Deonte; his special cousin, Kristian Latiker; and numerous,
13 cousins, other relatives, friends, neighbors, and colleagues;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we mourn the passing of Keith Edward Harris and extend our
18 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
19 and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Keith Harris as an expression of our
22 deepest sympathy.