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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 Renault A. Robinson of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Renault Robinson received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Roosevelt University; he pursued a doctorate at Northwestern University; he was a lifelong Chicagoan; and

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WHEREAS, Renault Robinson served in the Chicago Police Department (CPD) from 1964 to 1983, during which he combated racism within the CPD; he also co-founded the Afro-American Patrolmen's League (AAPL), an organization committed to improving police service in Black communities and advocating for equal opportunities to leadership opportunities for Black police officers, which won the first civil rights lawsuit against the CPD for discrimination against Black, Hispanic, and women police officers; and

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WHEREAS, Renault Robinson played a pivotal role as a prominent organizer in Harold Washington's 1977 and 1983 mayoral campaigns, with the latter leading to Washington's historic victory as the first Black mayor of Chicago; under Mayor Washington, he served as chairman of the Chicago Housing

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1 Authority (CHA) from 1983 to 1987; during his tenure, he
2 worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for residents
3 of public housing and oversaw the reinvention of high-rise
4 public housing projects, including the construction of new
5 mixed-income housing developments; and

6 WHEREAS, Renault Robinson worked as vice president of ASI
7 Personnel Service before founding his own company, Facilities
8 and Ground Maintenance Services, in 2000; through these roles,
9 he helped thousands of unemployed and underemployed Chicagoans
10 find work; he retired in 2018; and

11 WHEREAS, Renault Robinson continued to be active in
12 community affairs and was a member of the board of directors of
13 several organizations, including the Chicago Urban League
14 (CUL) and the National Association for the Advancement of
15 Colored People (NAACP); and

16 WHEREAS, Renault Robinson amassed numerous awards,
17 plaques, and commendations during his career, all of which
18 recognized his remarkable achievements in advancing civil
19 rights; and

20 WHEREAS, Renault Robinson was a dedicated public servant
21 who fought for the rights of all Chicagoans, and he will be
22 remembered as a tireless advocate for social justice and a

1 champion of the city's underprivileged and marginalized
2 residents; and

3 WHEREAS, Renault Robinson was preceded in death by his
4 parents, Robert and Mable Robinson, and his brother, Robert
5 Jr.; and

6 WHEREAS, Renault Robinson is survived by his wife,
7 Annette, four sons, ten grandchildren, and six siblings;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we mourn the passing of Renault A. Robinson and extend our
12 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
13 and loved him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Renault Robinson as an expression
16 of our deepest sympathy.