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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 Vernon
4 Jerome LaVia of Aurora, who passed away on September 17, 2023;
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6 WHEREAS, Vernon LaVia was born to Johanna A. LaVia and
7 John T. LaVia Jr. on July 15, 1963; he earned his degree in
8 economics from Duke University in 1985; he married Linda Chapa
9 LaVia in Chicago on July 25, 1992; and

10 WHEREAS, Vernon LaVia was an entrepreneur, a birder, an
11 author, a movie producer, and a mentor; and

12 WHEREAS, Vernon LaVia was the founder of the Maternity
13 Homes of Fox Valley and Carpenter's Place Aurora; and

14 WHEREAS, Vernon LaVia served as president of the Kiwanis
15 Club of Aurora and Crime Stoppers of Aurora and held positions
16 on the board of directors for a number of organizations,
17 including the Illinois Audubon Society, the Sci-Tech Hands-on
18 Museum, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, the Aurora Area
19 Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Conservation
20 Foundation; he was also a member of Kane County Audubon; and

1 WHEREAS, Vernon LaVia will be remembered for his humor,
2 his unwavering faith, and his true servant spirit; and

3 WHEREAS, Vernon LaVia was preceded in death by his father;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Vernon LaVia is survived by his wife, former
6 State Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia; his mother; his mentor and
7 uncle, Dennis (Danielle) LaVia; his daughters, Veronica and
8 Jackie LaVia; his siblings, Wendy (Tom) Archer and Jay
9 (Jennifer) LaVia; and his toy poodle, Luna; therefore, be it

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

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Vernon LaVia as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.