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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of Don Hubert of Chicago, Illinois, who
5 passed away on November 27, 2006; and

6 WHEREAS, Don Hubert was raised in a Chicago family of seven
7 children; in a Chicago Lawyer magazine article, after being
8 named 1992 Person of the Year by the publication, Mr. Hubert
9 recounted spending summers with his grandmother in Georgia and
10 how he would pick cotton with her, trying to build his pile
11 higher and higher onto the scale that would determine how much
12 he would be paid; and

13 WHEREAS, In grade school, Don Hubert asked for a wagon for
14 Christmas so he could deliver groceries to earn money for
15 tuition at Hales Franciscan; he is credited with helping Hales
16 Franciscan High School keep its doors open when the school
17 needed help; he generously donated the proceeds of the first
18 case he won to the school; he led a capital campaign for Hales
19 Franciscan, persuading Michael Jordan to give \$1 million to
20 kick off a \$15 million fund-raising effort; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Hubert served as the second African-American
22 president of the Chicago Bar Association; he represented the
23 City of Chicago in a federal redistricting case; he won
24 acquittals for men falsely accused of murder; and raised his
25 now 12-year-old daughter Jessica on his own after his wife,
26 Mellonie, died; and

27 WHEREAS, He was considered among the top leaders in
28 Chicago's African-American community, and was frequently
29 sought after as an adviser and fund-raiser by African-American
30 politicians; he created a mentoring program through the Cook
31 County Bar Association to train new lawyers to avoid getting

1 into trouble; and

2 WHEREAS In 2005, Mr. Hubert was awarded the Chicago Bar
3 Association's John Paul Stevens award for his life's work; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hubert attended Loyola University, where he
5 founded the African-American Student Organization, then went
6 to law school at the University of Michigan; he was head of the
7 Hubert Law Group, a six-lawyer firm that counts both Coca-Cola
8 and McDonald's as their clients; and

9 WHEREAS, Don Hubert is survived by his daughter, Jessica;
10 his stepson, Brandon Harris; his parents, Issac and Louise
11 Hubert; his brothers, Issac, Karl, Jerome and Maurice; and his
12 sisters, Shirley Hubert-Thompson, and Janice Hubert-Whitten;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Don
17 Hubert of Chicago; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Don Hubert.