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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 Edward
4 Jerome Maye Jr. of Chicago, who passed away on March 5, 2008;
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6 WHEREAS, Edward Jerome Maye Jr. was born on October 30,
7 1964 in Chicago, to Mishcherel and Edward Maye Sr.; Edward was
8 baptized at an early age; he attended Kohn and Bennett
9 elementary schools; while at Bennett he discovered his talent
10 of gymnastics and met his soul mate, Veronica; he attended and
11 graduated from Corliss High School where he was introduced to
12 the world of cheerleading by Coach Carolyn Palmer; he also was
13 a student at Olive-Harvey College; and

14 WHEREAS, Edward married his only love Veronica, on July 16,
15 1987, and to this union four beautiful and much loved children
16 were born, Nicole, Brittany, Tanae, and Dajon Edward; and

17 WHEREAS, During his high school career Edward won numerous
18 awards as an outstanding gymnast and cheerleader; Edward went
19 on to become a professional cheerleader for the United States
20 Cheerleader Association based in Lansing, Michigan; he
21 traveled across the country teaching elementary, high school,
22 and college cheerleaders; he also conducted clinics and camps

1 for schools throughout the city and suburbs; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1983, Edward started the first All-Star cheer
3 team in the city of Chicago, named after the park district
4 where the team practiced, Abbott Park; in 1990 the team moved
5 to Tuley Park and he changed the name of the team to Windy City
6 All Stars; many of his cheerleaders from his early teams went
7 on to organize other All-Star teams across the City and suburbs
8 utilizing the skills that he taught them; several of the teams
9 members went on to tumble for the world renowned Jessie White
10 Tumblers; and

11 WHEREAS, He won numerous awards, including the Triple Crown
12 Awards for winning 1st place in regional, national, and world
13 competitions in one year; Edward's teams have traveled all over
14 the country and participated in the Tim Hardaway's NBA All-Star
15 Game, Chicago Bulls, and Chicago Football Classics halftime
16 shows; the teams have performed for the Harlem Globetrotters
17 and for the induction of Billy Williams into the Baseball Hall
18 of Fame; every year the All-Star teams were a hit in the Bud
19 Billiken parade; he and his teams were featured in the 1986
20 edition of the World Book Encyclopedia, the Chicago Sun-Times,
21 the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Defender, and Jet Magazine;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife and

1 soul mate, Veronica; his mother, Mishcherel; his sister, Tracy;
2 his brother, David; his three daughters, Nicole (Keith)
3 Edwards, Brittany, and Tanae; his son, Dajon Edward; his three
4 grandchildren, Jeremy, Jada, and Keith Jr.; and a host of other
5 mothers, uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Edward
9 Jerome Maye Jr.; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Edward Jerome Maye Jr. as a symbol
12 of our sincere sympathy.