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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 Dr.  
4 Charles Runner of Chicago, who passed away on June 9, 2008; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Runner was born on March 25, 1918 in  
6 Washington D.C.; he and his wife, Dorothy, were married in 1945  
7 in the Thorndyke Hilton Chapel at the University of Chicago  
8 campus by civil rights leader and former Howard University  
9 theology professor Reverend Howard W. Thurman; and

10           WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Runner received his undergraduate and  
11 medical degrees from Howard University and Howard Medical  
12 School in Washington D.C.; he performed his pediatric residency  
13 at Provident Hospital in Chicago; and

14           WHEREAS, After serving in a United States Army hospital in  
15 Munich, Germany during the Korean War, Dr. Charles Runner  
16 returned to Chicago and set up a practice in 1955 on Chicago's  
17 South Side; Dr. Runner faithfully served the citizens of the  
18 South Side as a pediatrician for over 50 years until his  
19 retirement in 2001; and

20           WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Runner's medical practice was well  
21 known for its personal approach to medicine, with Dr. Runner

1 intimately knowing the personal medical histories of the many  
2 families who came to his office generation after generation;  
3 his caring attitude and great knowledge of medicine will be  
4 greatly missed by his many adoring patients; and

5 WHEREAS, As a testament to his love for his fellow man, Dr.  
6 Charles Runner was named one of the first five recipients of  
7 the Martin Luther King Legacy Awards, a prestigious award given  
8 for community service by the Boys and Girls Club of Chicago, in  
9 1989; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Runner enjoyed opera and jazz and was  
11 a past board member of the Lyric Opera; he was also an avid  
12 photographer, enjoying the hobby well into his retirement; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Runner is survived by his wife,  
14 Dorothy; his daughters, Susan Runner and Shari Carnegie; and  
15 his four grandchildren; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Dr.  
19 Charles Runner; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Dr. Charles Runner as an expression

1 of our sympathy.