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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 Larry  
4 Hawkins, who passed away on January 30, 2009; and

5           WHEREAS, Larry Hawkins was born in Chicago in 1930; he  
6 attended Douglass Elementary and graduated from Phillips High  
7 School, where he was a star basketball player in 1948; he then  
8 received his associate's degree from Wilson Junior College in  
9 1950; and

10           WHEREAS, After serving in the United States Army from 1953  
11 to 1955, Larry Hawkins earned his bachelor's degree from George  
12 Williams College in 1956 and earned master's degrees from  
13 George Williams College and Roosevelt University; in 1986, he  
14 earned his doctorate degree from the University of Illinois;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, Larry Hawkins had a long and distinguished career  
17 in education; he began his career in 1956 at Carver High  
18 School, where he was hired as a physical education teacher and  
19 was appointed head basketball coach; going far beyond  
20 basketball, he taught his students life skills and the  
21 importance of getting good grades, going to college, and  
22 succeeding in life; in 1963, he led the boys basketball team at

1 Carver to the State championship, with the team's historic  
2 victory marking the first time that a Chicago public school had  
3 won the State championship in the New Assembly Hall; he also  
4 coached volleyball at Hyde Park High School for many years  
5 prior to his retirement from the Chicago Public Schools in  
6 1999; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1968, Larry Hawkins became the Director of the  
8 University of Chicago's Office of Special Programs, a program  
9 that encourages and assists educationally disadvantaged  
10 children to succeed in elementary and high school, graduate,  
11 and complete college; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1972, Larry Hawkins founded the Institute for  
13 Athletics and Education, a group that provides advocacy and  
14 support to the community in an effort to maintain the balance  
15 between sports and education in a way that enhances the  
16 positive social and academic development of student athletes;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, In 1984, Larry Hawkins became the Executive  
19 Director of Big Buddies Youth Services, Inc., an organization  
20 founded in 1949 to assist the community with the prevention of  
21 juvenile delinquency; under Dr. Hawkins' leadership, the  
22 organization expanded to provide educational, social,  
23 cultural, charitable, and community services for disadvantaged

1 youth and their families as a comprehensive approach to  
2 delinquency prevention; and

3 WHEREAS, Larry Hawkins was the founder of the Parent  
4 Athletic Support Team and the National Parents Committee on  
5 Youth Sports; he was a member of numerous organizations,  
6 including the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education  
7 and Recreation, Concerned Coaches of Chicago, the Educational  
8 Advisory Committee of the Urban League, the U.S. Olympic  
9 Committee on Youth Identification, the Joint Committee on  
10 Elementary and Secondary School Sports - State of Illinois, and  
11 the First Congressional District District Council; and

12 WHEREAS, Larry Hawkins was the author of numerous  
13 publications, including Sports Programs Should Reach Out To  
14 Girls, Too (1990), Media and Sports in the Urban High School  
15 (1987), Hard Times for School Sports (1986), and A Training  
16 Program for Teacher/Coaches (1986); therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Larry  
20 Hawkins; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Larry Hawkins as an expression of

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1 our sympathy.