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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Winston Kennedy, consummate Hyde Parker for more than 50 years, on February 1, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Win began his working career as a resident manager with the Chicago Housing Authority; he lived in the same housing project in which he worked, LeClaire Courts, which was one of the first integrated housing projects in the country; and

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WHEREAS, In 1967, after 11 years in the University of Chicago real estate development department, Mr. Kennedy and two associates founded the real estate firm Century 21 Kennedy, Ryan, Monigal & Associates, Inc.; they specialized in the unique buildings of Hyde Park and the surrounding neighborhoods for more than 40 years; and

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WHEREAS, Win, using his real estate knowledge, committed himself to preserving the integrity of more than 25 of Hyde Park's buildings in the 1970s through condominium conversions; and

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WHEREAS, Win was a devoted member of Kiwanis for more than

1 50 years; he worked with the service organization to support
2 neighborhood institutions and combat the many problems facing
3 South Side youth; through Kiwanis, he was also able to provide
4 service and support to other community organizations for which
5 he cared deeply, such as the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, a
6 camp for disabled children, and the 57th Street Children's Book
7 Fair; and

8 WHEREAS, Win served on the boards of several neighborhood
9 organizations, including the Hyde Park Historical Society,
10 Blue Gargoyle Community Services, and the Hyde Park Kenwood
11 Community Conference; he also served on the boards of the
12 former Hyde Park Co-Op and the former Hyde Park YMCA; and

13 WHEREAS, Win believed that the way in which one conducted
14 business was just as important as the profit; he always
15 expected relationships to outlast business deals and conducted
16 himself accordingly; he believed that if one made money in a
17 community, there was a responsibility to give back to that
18 community; and

19 WHEREAS, The passing of Winston Kennedy will be deeply felt
20 by his wife, Margaret; his four children, Patricia, Pamela,
21 Thomas, and Robert; his seven grandchildren, Devon, Kyle,
22 Ashleigh, Cory, Cameron, Lena, and Tatiana; his sister, June
23 Fellows; his brother, Wayne; and the whole of the Hyde Park and

1 Kenwood communities; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
5 Winston Kennedy; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Winston Kennedy as a symbol of our
8 sincere sympathy.