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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 Natalie  
4 Rose Wilson Puryear, who passed away on January 6, 2010; and

5           WHEREAS, Natalie Puryear was born on September 20, 1949, in  
6 Chicago; her parents were Nathan and Ruth Wilson; she married  
7 James Puryear in 1973; and

8           WHEREAS, Natalie Puryear attended Providence High School,  
9 where she participated in cheerleading, dance, music, and other  
10 activities; she then attended the University of Illinois at  
11 Chicago; and

12           WHEREAS, After college, Natalie Puryear began her career as  
13 a corporate buyer for Sears Roebuck and Company; she quickly  
14 ascended the ranks at Sears until she decided that she wanted  
15 to spend more time with her sons; she then moved into the real  
16 estate industry, working for Shirley Amico, Trico, and others;  
17 she also founded her own firm, Ventures Gained; and

18           WHEREAS, Natalie Puryear was a member of numerous community  
19 organizations, including Africare, Jazz Unites, and Chicago  
20 Gospelfests; she was a charter member and major contributor to  
21 the Lake Shore Chapter of the Links; she also coordinated the

1 annual "Celebrate South Shore" events; and

2 WHEREAS, Natalie Puryear served as Vice President of  
3 Communications of the Black United Fund of Illinois (BUFI); she  
4 was responsible for the creation of BUFI's Living  
5 Legends/Passing the Torch Awards, which honored legendary  
6 African-American men and women who had a major impact in the  
7 communities they served and passed their knowledge and  
8 experience to others to keep their initiatives alive; and

9 WHEREAS, Natalie Puryear was preceded in death by her  
10 father and her sister, Linda; and

11 WHEREAS, Natalie Puryear is survived by her sons, Wesley  
12 (Valerie) and Jeffrey; her mother; her siblings, Donald (Ruth),  
13 Rita, Claude (Alberta), Rhonda Coriano (Victor), and Lawrence  
14 (Sabrina); and her many nieces, nephews, friends, and other  
15 relatives; and

16 WHEREAS, Natalie Puryear will be remembered by all who knew  
17 and loved her as a loving, passionate, and hardworking woman  
18 whose dedication to her family and community were unmatched;  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of  
2 Natalie Rose Puryear; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of Natalie Puryear as an expression of  
5 our sympathy.