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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 Paul
4 Vincent Graves of Chicago, who recently passed away; and

5 WHEREAS, Paul Vincent Graves was born October 14, 1961 in
6 Chicago to the union of Melvin and Annabelle Graves; Paul was
7 the fifth blessing to this family; his father, Melvin Graves
8 Sr., and his brothers, Melvin Graves Jr. and Harold Graves,
9 preceded him in death; and

10 WHEREAS, Paul Vincent Graves confessed Christ in early age
11 under the leadership of Elder Ace Ware Jr. and the Faith Full
12 Gospel Center; throughout his life, Paul remained faithful to
13 the Lord's church and served Him in many capacities; he was a
14 member of New Covenant Life Oakwood Church, under the pastorate
15 of John Hannah, until his passing; and

16 WHEREAS, Paul Vincent Graves attended Hook Way Elementary
17 School, graduated from Harlan High School, and continued
18 studying art at Columbia College; he worked at UPS and later
19 worked for Amtrak Railroad from 1984 up to his disability; and

20 WHEREAS, He was an artistic man and romantic at heart; he
21 was an avid collector of unique artwork and was a member of the

1 1st Black Inventors Association of Chicago; he was a
2 professional artist with numerous pieces on exhibit; his
3 artwork is currently being displayed in the museum of Science
4 and Industry as a part of the annual Black Creatively exhibit;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Paul Vincent Graves was married at an early age to
7 Iris; he was a world traveler, enjoyed great food, movies,
8 music, and the finer things in life; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2004, Paul underwent drastic surgery that saved
10 his life, however, it left him with temporary paralysis;
11 recently Paul demonstrated to his family, after much physical
12 therapy, that he was able to walk yet again; his life and
13 legacy of love will live on in the hearts of his family,
14 including his daughter, Clarissa; his mother, Annabelle
15 Graves; his brothers, Babatunda (Denise) and Raynard (Lonnie);
16 his sister-in-law, Alma; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces,
17 nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

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

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Paul Vincent Graves as a symbol of
2 our sincere sympathy.