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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives learned with sadness of the death of Marvin
4 Brown Bey of Chicago, who passed away on July 3, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, He was born on December 2, 1940, in Chicago to
6 Estelle (Brown) Green; he was the youngest of four children and
7 was raised by his adopted father, Charles Bey; he married
8 Shirley, who preceded him in death, and they had one child,
9 Marvin Jr.; he had a second son, Vinram with Willie C. Nettle
10 Bey, who preceded him in death; he was instrumental in the
11 raising of Willie's three children, Yanta, Dukeith, and Breem;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, He attended Washburne Trade School where he was a
14 member of the singing group, the Premiers; he enlisted into the
15 U.S. Army at age 17; he attended basic training at Fort Leonard
16 Wood, Missouri, and served in Germany as a paratrooper with an
17 engineering unit; and

18 WHEREAS, He was active in the Civil Rights movement and was
19 a member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the
20 Council of Racial Equality, and the Chicago Urban League; he
21 worked for Maryville Academy as their first African American
22 counselor, and Job Corp, as a cab and commercial driver and a

1 race track teller; and

2 WHEREAS, He continued his education by obtaining an
3 Associate of Arts degree from Central YMCA Community College
4 and he also took classes at the University of Chicago Lutheran
5 School of Theology; he enjoyed the challenge and fellowship
6 that Freemasonry offered and became a Mason in 1984 and was the
7 last Past Master of St. Joel Lodge #34; he became a member of
8 The Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the
9 World Great Lakes Chapter #37 in 2007; and

10 WHEREAS, The passing of Marvin Brown Bey has been deeply
11 felt by many, especially his son, Vinram S. Wade Bey; his
12 grandchildren, Kamaria, Svonne, and Marquis; his great
13 granddaughter, Jayda; his sister, Katie Estes and her children,
14 Wilson, Jimmy, Emma, Joe, and, John; his niece, Dionne
15 Campbell; and his lifelong friends, Joseph Cole and Leola
16 Person; he was preceded in death by his mother, Estelle; his
17 adopted father, Charles; his son, Marvin Jr.; his brothers,
18 Jack Brown and James Campbell; and his nephews, Jack and
19 Sherome; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we mourn the passing of Marvin Brown Bey, and we extend our
23 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew

1 and loved him; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
4 sympathy.