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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Representative Monique D. Davis and the Illinois
3 House of Representatives are deeply saddened to learn of the
4 death of Carl Davis, formerly of Chicago, who passed away on
5 August 9, 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, Carl Davis was born in Woodlawn on September 19,
7 1934, to William and Mattie Davis; he was married to Dedra
8 Davis; he served in the U.S. Air Force and obtained an
9 associate degree from the Cortez-Peters Business College; and

10 WHEREAS, Carl Davis shaped what became known as "the
11 Chicago Sound"; he was one of the first African-American A & R
12 directors and produced numerous hit songs for the Columbia
13 Records subsidiary Okeh Records; and

14 WHEREAS, Carl Davis had his first multi-million-selling
15 song with Gene Chandler's 1962 smash "Duke of Earl"; his other
16 notable efforts included Jackie Wilson's 1967 hit "(Your Love
17 Keeps Lifting Me) Higher and Higher", Major Lance's 1963 song
18 "Monkey Time", and the Chi-Lites' 1972 ballad "Oh Girl"; and

19 WHEREAS, Carl Davis was honored in 2003, by the non-profit
20 Chicago archive, the History Makers; he wrote his memoir, "The
21 Carl Davis Story: The Man Behind The Music", in 2009, with

1 music journalist Bill Dahl; at the time of his death, the Carl
2 H. Davis Music Foundation was being formed to promote awareness
3 and preserve the history of Chicago soul music, as well as
4 continuing his heritage; and

5 WHEREAS, Carl Davis is survived by his wife, Dedra; his
6 children, Pamela Davis, Carl H. Davis II, Trey Davis, Julio
7 Davis, Kelli Morris, Carleen Davis, and Jaime Davis; his
8 brother, George Davis; his grandchildren; and his
9 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we mourn the passing of Carl Davis, and we extend our sincere
13 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
14 him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Carl Davis as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.