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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 Lester
4 Foster of Chicago, who passed away on July 17, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Lester Foster was born in Chicago on March 27,
6 1958, to LeeAther and Bonnie Foster; he graduated in 1976 from
7 Von Stuben High School, where he excelled in his studies and
8 distinguished himself on the basketball court; he earned his
9 Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Aurora University in
10 1980, and while there received the Young, Gifted and Black
11 Award and was named to the Four-Year Varsity Letterman Club for
12 basketball; he received his Masters of Science in Business
13 Management in 1984; and

14 WHEREAS, After finishing his education, Lester Foster
15 became the first African-American administrator for Aurora
16 University; during his tenure there, he served as Head of
17 Student Housing, Head of Campus Security, Minority Student
18 Recruiter, Associate Dean of Students, Assistant Financial Aid
19 Director, and assistant coach to the men's and women's
20 basketball team; and

21 WHEREAS, On April 16, 1986, Lester Foster became initiated
22 into the Iota Nu Sigma Graduate Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma

1 Fraternity, Incorporated; later that year, he chartered the Pi
2 Omicron Undergraduate Chapter on the campus of Aurora
3 University, and in 1987 he chartered the Iota Phi Sigma
4 Graduate Chapter; in 2006, he received the Academic Achievement
5 Award from the Black Student Association to honor his
6 commitment throughout the years to Aurora University; and

7 WHEREAS, Lester Foster held many positions with a host of
8 companies throughout the years; his most recent position was
9 Vice-President of Business Development/Practice Leader at
10 Sedgwick CMS, where his focus was on government and public
11 entities; in 2012, he was awarded the Community Treasures Award
12 by the African-American Employees Committee of Cook County; and

13 WHEREAS, Lester Foster married the love of his life,
14 Veronica Maclin on December 24, 2001; and

15 WHEREAS, Lester Foster was an active member at Progressive
16 Community Center, the People's Church and served on the Deacon
17 Board and as Chairman of the Finance Committee; he enjoyed
18 playing sports and watching Westerns and was affectionately
19 known as "Peanut" since he was a child; and

20 WHEREAS, Lester Foster was preceded in death by his parents
21 and by his 2 brothers, Charlie and Derrick; and

1 WHEREAS, Lester Foster is survived by his wife; his
2 daughter, Monique Foster; his sons, Marcus (Emily) and
3 Marcelles Foster; his sisters, Annette (the late Harry) Silas,
4 Dorene (Anthony) Harris, and Pamela (LaVoya) Kerr; his special
5 brother, James (Lisa) Marcel; and a host of aunts, uncles,
6 nieces, nephews, God-children, other family, and treasured
7 friends; therefore, be it

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

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Lester Foster as an expression of
15 our deepest sympathy.