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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 Julian O.
4 Rucker, Sr.; and

5 WHEREAS, In the mid-1970s in Chicago, Julian Rucker, Sr.,
6 known to many by "Rucker", wanted to make a difference in his
7 community; he established Cook County Basketball League, which
8 flourished in the 1980s with young future talents such as the
9 Cummings brothers, Tracy Dildy (King High School), Melvin Nunn
10 (Simeon High School), Jeff Duncan (DuSable High School), and
11 many others; the program was designed to give "at-risk youth" a
12 positive alternative; in 1981, the program implemented 2 major
13 sponsors, WMAQ Channel 5 and Little Bucky; by 1982, there were
14 an estimated 500 kids on the South and West Sides actively
15 playing in CCBL tournaments; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1984, Julian Rucker, Sr. began a career in
17 real-estate by purchasing a 37-unit building, a 57-unit
18 building, a 12-unit building, and a 6-unit flat; in total, he
19 owned and managed over 90 apartments, which were managed by
20 himself and his 3 sons, Julian Jr., Aaron, and Warren Rucker;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, In April of 2011, Julian Rucker, Sr. received an

1 award for courage from the City of Chicago for saving a woman
2 from a knife-wielding man; the man was later convicted of
3 attempted murder; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of
7 Julian O. Rucker, Sr.; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Julian Rucker, Sr. as an expression
10 of our sympathy.