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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 Alfred  
4 Edward "Buddy" Watson of Chicago, who passed away on December  
5 20, 2014; and

6           WHEREAS, Alfred Watson was born in Halls, Tennessee on  
7 August 25, 1934 to Joseph Lewis and Mary Ella (nee Roundtree)  
8 Watson; he graduated from Lauderdale County High School in  
9 Tennessee and attended Tennessee State University; he studied  
10 at Central YMCA College in Chicago for real estate law, sales,  
11 and management, and then at Loop College (now Harold Washington  
12 College) for urban development in real estate; he married Naomi  
13 Lawrence on April 21, 1957; and

14           WHEREAS, Alfred Watson began his career working for the  
15 Chicago Transit Authority; he was Vice-President of Real Estate  
16 at the Supreme Life Insurance Company of America for 11 years,  
17 Life Safety Inspector for the Cook County Department of  
18 Education for 4 years, and Deputy Commissioner in the  
19 Department of Building and Zoning; he retired in 2011; he  
20 served in Cook County Government for 28 years; and

21           WHEREAS, Alfred Watson was active in Democratic politics;  
22 he was Precinct Captain for the 4th Ward Democratic

1 Organization, President of the 4th Ward Young Democratic  
2 Organization, Central Area Chairman of the Young Democrats of  
3 Illinois, and the Advisor to the 8th Ward Committeeman; and

4 WHEREAS, Alfred Watson was a member of Antioch Missionary  
5 Baptist Church and then Life Center C.O.G.I.C.; he could often  
6 be seen spending time with neighbors, snow blowing, and mowing  
7 his lawn with his dog, Bullet; he enjoyed dressing up as Santa  
8 to entertain children during Christmas; and

9 WHEREAS, Alfred Watson was preceded in death by his  
10 parents; his son, Cleve Watson; and his 2 siblings, Dr. Ruby  
11 Watson-Jackson and Dr. Charles E. Watson; and

12 WHEREAS, Alfred Watson is survived by his wife of 57 years,  
13 Naomi; his 4 children, Toya Medford-Rainer, Crystal Mock,  
14 Alfred (Beverly) Watson, and Joseph (Jamilah) Watson; his 12  
15 grandchildren; his 11 great-grandchildren; his siblings, Dr.  
16 L. Marilyn Watson and Dr. Marian L. Watson; his sister-in-law,  
17 Parthenia L. Manning; and a host of nieces and nephews;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21 mourn the passing of Alfred Edward "Buddy" Watson, and extend  
22 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who

1 knew and loved him; and be it further

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