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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Prashant Bhargava; and

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WHEREAS, Prashant Bhargava was an acclaimed filmmaker and commercial director known for revealing the extraordinary in the ordinary; and

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WHEREAS, Prashant Bhargava's films are anthems of the underground; his canvas is the rambunctious, fascinating, ever-changing globe; and

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WHEREAS, Prashant Bhargava was born and raised on the south side of Chicago and, by his own telling, was "one of the first South Asians worldwide to emerge from the hip hop movement as a graffiti artist"; growing up on the South Side was his most beloved calling card; and

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WHEREAS, Prashant Bhargava graduated in 1994 from Cornell University, where he studied computer science; he also studied theatrical directing in New York at the Barrow Group Theater Company and School and at the Actors Studio; he later designed and directed video advertising for NBC and PBS; and

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1 WHEREAS, Prashant Bhargava's most recent work, a work with
2 composer Vijay Iyer entitled Radhe Radhe, was commissioned to
3 commemorate the 100th anniversary of Stravinsky's Rite of
4 Spring; and

5 WHEREAS, Prashant Bhargava's feature-length directorial
6 debut, Patang, received 4 stars from Roger Ebert and selection
7 as a critics pick by the New York Times and Los Angeles Times;
8 his other directorial efforts include Sangam, Ammaji,
9 Backwaters, and Kashmir; and

10 WHEREAS, Prashant Bhargava's greatest triumph was his
11 unbounded love and devotion to his parents, Vijay and Ranjana,
12 his sister, Anurimal, his family and friends, and the countless
13 many he encountered on his journey who, with his dancing eyes,
14 playful spirit, and mystic truth telling, he left cherished and
15 inspired; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 mourn the premature passing of Prashant Bhargava and extend our
19 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
20 and loved him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Prashant Bhargava as an expression

1 of our deepest sympathy.