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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 Reginald D. "Hats" Adams of Calumet Park; and

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WHEREAS, Reginald Adams has been the Director of Community Affairs at Rush University Medical Center since 1974; prior to that he served as Community Liaison and Employee Relations Coordinator; he joined the Rush staff in 1968, when he was hired as Chief Youth Worker at the Mile Square Health Care Center; before working at Rush, he worked for the Chicago Boys and Girls Clubs; and

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WHEREAS, Reginald Adams created S.A.M.E. (Science and Math Excellence Network) in 1990 and most recently served as President of its Board of Directors; S.A.M.E. is a member of the Partner for Education, a consortium of science-based institutions, construction companies, and community-based organizations that collaborate on assisting the community organizations with their science and math programs; Rush and its corporate partners sponsor after-school science clubs, provide judging at local science fairs, offer summer training programs for teachers and sponsor a mobile science lab that visits schools without laboratory facilities; in fiscal year 2010, 3,398 children and teens benefited from S.A.M.E.'s

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1 services; and

2 WHEREAS, Reginald Adams received numerous awards and  
3 honors throughout his career, including the Rush University  
4 Medical Center Patient Access Committee Community Service  
5 Award 2010, 2009, 2008; the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Life  
6 Achievement Award, 2008; the Rush University Medical Center  
7 Trustee Medal, 2007; the Feld Entertainment  
8 Circus-in-a-Classroom Award, 2006; the Illinois  
9 Business-Education Exemplary Partnership Award, 2002; the  
10 Lawndale Community Service Award, 2001; the Chicago Area  
11 Project Certificate of Appreciation Award, 2000; the Henry  
12 Horner Alumni Association Health and Education Award, 1997; the  
13 Westside Association for Community Action (WACA) Service  
14 Award, 1996; the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian  
15 Award, 1996; the YMCA Westside Association for Community Action  
16 Humanitarian Award, 1996; the YMCA Southside Chairman's  
17 Roundtable Member Community Service Award, 1996; the Malcom X  
18 College Student Development Award, 1995; the Hefferan  
19 Elementary School Project Canal Recognition Award, 1995; the  
20 Health Science Tech Program Award, 1994; the Hefferan  
21 Elementary School Commitment to Excellence in Education, 1992;  
22 the Black Contractors United Excellence in Community Service  
23 Award, 1982; the Chicago Boys Club Community Service Award,  
24 1981; the Westside Organization, Inc. Community Service Leader  
25 Award, 1980; and the St. Matthews AME Church, Inc. Humanitarian

1 of the Year Award, 1979; and

2 WHEREAS, Reginald Adams was preceded in death by his  
3 daughter, Regina Adams; and

4 WHEREAS, Reginald Adams is survived by his wife, Constance  
5 Adams; his children, Reginald L. Adams and Janice Adams; his 3  
6 sisters, Doris McKinnie, Leontine Jordan, and Arlene  
7 Bradley-Walton; his 2 brothers, Randolph Adams and Derrell  
8 Adams; his 6 grandchildren; and his 5 great-grandchildren;  
9 therefore, be it

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

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