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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the passing of James
4 Robert Lilly, affectionately known as "Smokey", "Coach Lilly",
5 "David", and "JR", who passed away on June 14, 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, James Lilly was born on February 17, 1953; his
7 parents were Evelyn C. McGrew and James Oliver Lilly; he met
8 his beautiful wife Wilma in 1971, they were married September
9 3, 1977; and

10 WHEREAS, James Lilly was raised in Chicago; he attended and
11 graduated from Lindblom High School and became a founding
12 member of the Lindblom High School "Crunch Bunch" in 1980; and

13 WHEREAS, James Lilly earned his Master of Administration at
14 Loyola University and was a member of the Chicago Wine Psi Phi
15 Social Fraternity; and

16 WHEREAS, James Lilly served as a City of Chicago police
17 officer and detective for 35 years until his retirement on
18 April 15, 2013; he also served as a Field Training Officer,
19 worked in personnel, and taught at the police academy; and

20 WHEREAS, James Lilly began coaching football at Simeon High

1 School in 1978; he went on to coach football, basketball, and
2 track at many schools, including Perspective Charter School,
3 Calumet High School, Morgan Park, Bogan High School, Chicago
4 High School for Agricultural Sciences, and Seton Academy, for
5 many years until his passing; and

6 WHEREAS, James Lilly was preceded in death by his sister,
7 Sandra Lilly-Bennett; and

8 WHEREAS, James Lilly is survived by his beautiful wife of
9 38 years, Wilma Lilly; his daughter, Audrina Lilly-Gantt (Tim);
10 Angela Driver; his grandchildren, William Hilliard and Keyuana
11 Hilliard; his great-grandchild, Brandon Jones; his sister,
12 Michelle Lilly-Briscoe (Lloyd); his brother, Terrance Oliver
13 Lilly-Grambling; his sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law;
14 and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, other
15 family members, and friends; therefore, be it

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

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of James Lilly as an expression of our

1 deepest sympathy.