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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the life of Dr. Webb Evans,
4 who passed away on February 23, 2015 at the age of 101; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Evans founded the United American Progress
6 Association (UAPA) in 1961, which encourages African Americans
7 to spend their money with African American business owners
8 within the community; known as "Mr. Buy Black", he served as
9 President of the UAPA for 51 years; and

10 WHEREAS, The legacy of Dr. Evans is fighting for economic
11 justice for African Americans; he worked alongside numerous
12 civil rights activists, including Medgar Evers, Dr. Vernon
13 Johns, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., The Honorable Elijah
14 Muhammad, Lu Palmer, Harold Washington, Wesley South, Minister
15 Louis Farrakhan, Rev. Jesse Jackson, and a host of religious,
16 civic, business, political, local, and national community
17 leaders and ordinary people; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Evans received many accolades, including
19 Honorary Citizen of the Great Volunteer State of Tennessee,
20 induction into Chicago Senior Citizen Hall of Fame, and being
21 listed in Who's Who in Black America; he traveled to Israel to
22 study the Lifestyle of Blacks in the Holy Land; he was selected

1 as Ambassador for Peace by the International Federation for
2 World Peace, honored with a lifetime achievement award from
3 WVON Radio, and received the Thurgood Marshall Award from the
4 National Civil Rights Library Organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Evans published three books; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Evans was a member of PUSH, the Chatham Avalon
7 Park Community Council, the Black United Front, the NAACP, the
8 Cathedral Baptist Church, and the Baptist Pastors Conference of
9 Chicago; and

10 WHEREAS, The Dr. Webb Evans Center for Economic Change will
11 be dedicated on November 16, 2016; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 mourn the passing of Dr. Webb Evans, and extend our sincere
15 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
16 him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Dr. Evans as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.