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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the life of Great Grand
4 Master Al Tracy; and

5 WHEREAS, Great Grand Master Tracy began studying Kenpo
6 Karate in 1957 and was promoted to black belt in 1962; and

7 WHEREAS, Great Grand Master Tracy and his brother, Jim,
8 began teaching classes, creating belt manuals, and naming Kenpo
9 techniques; and

10 WHEREAS, Great Grand Master Tracy and his brother took over
11 operation of the Kenpo Karate Association of America and joined
12 the International Kenpo Karate Association; he continued to
13 teach the "original" Kenpo as was first taught to him; and

14 WHEREAS, The Tracy brothers opened schools throughout
15 California and many other states, forming Tracy's
16 International Studios of Self-Defense; the organization, based
17 out of Lexington, Kentucky, is a worldwide organization
18 comprised of 1,000 schools; it is the largest, longest-running
19 self-defense chain in the world; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1999, Great Grand Master Tracy organized the

1 largest gathering of Kenpo Karate members in the world, "The
2 Gathering of Eagles"; it was a true historic event that brought
3 together over 70 masters; and

4 WHEREAS, Great Grand Master Tracy is one of the few
5 remaining patriarchs within the Kenpo Karate family; his
6 mission is to help preserve and pass on over 800 years of
7 history, traditions, legacy, and the true lineage of Kenpo; he
8 recognizes the Kenpo system as his heritage; he believes it is
9 what one gives back to the art of Kenpo that will endure, not
10 what one takes or gains; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 recognize the life of Great Grand Master Al Tracy and thank him
14 for his commitment to his community; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Great Grand Master Tracy as a symbol of our
17 respect and esteem.