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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 Phillip Jackson of Chicago, who passed away on November 4, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Phillip Jackson was born in Chicago on September 22, 1950; he graduated from Roosevelt University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and National Louis University with a certificate in education; and

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WHEREAS, Phillip Jackson began working for Kroch's and Brentano's Book Stores in 1969; over the course of his 24-year career, he reached the position of Senior Vice President of Operations, but left the organization after they attempted to strip employees of their pensions; he led, financed, and won a class-action lawsuit that restored pensions to wrongfully terminated employees; and

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WHEREAS, Phillip Jackson worked in human services at the Chicago Office of Management and Budget in 1994 before joining Chicago Public Schools in 1995, where he served as Deputy Chief of Staff, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Chief of Staff; he joined the Chicago Housing Authority as CEO in 1999; in 2000, he moved to the Office of the Mayor for the City of Chicago, where he served as Chief of Education; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 1996, Phillip Jackson founded The Black Star
2 Project, an educational nonprofit reform organization located
3 in the Bronzeville neighborhood of Chicago whose mission is to
4 eliminate the racial academic achievement gap by improving the
5 lives of those living in African American and Latino
6 communities by providing mentoring and tutoring services to
7 help students, parents, and community members become
8 productive citizens in their neighborhoods; and

9 WHEREAS, Phillip Jackson was active with the Boys and Girls
10 Clubs of Chicago, where he served as CEO for one year before
11 devoting himself full-time to the Black Star Project; and

12 WHEREAS, Phillip Jackson received many honors, including
13 the Chicago Cares Power of One Leadership Award, the Education
14 Champion of Change for America by The White House, the Champion
15 of Social Justice by the Chicago African Americans in
16 Philanthropy, the Citizen of the Year by Omega Psi Phi
17 Fraternity, the Monarch Man of the Year in Education by Alpha
18 Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Reclaim Our Youth Honoree by
19 Operation Push, the Education Man of the Year for the Bud
20 Billiken Parade, the Illinois Educator of the Year for the 7th
21 Congressional District of Illinois, the Champion of Social
22 Justice by Chicago African Americans In Philanthropy, and the
23 2003 Ricky Birdson Father of the Year Award for the State of

1 Illinois by the Illinois Fatherhood Initiative; he was also
2 named as one of the Chicago Defender's 50 Men of Excellence and
3 received the Cook County State Attorney's Community
4 Empowerment Award; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 mourn the passing of Phillip Jackson and extend our sincere
8 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
9 him; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Phillip Jackson as an expression of
12 our deepest sympathy.