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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 Robert "Bobby" Rockymore, who passed away on November 11, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Bobby Rockymore was born in Atlanta, Georgia on July 4, 1936; he and his family moved to Detroit and then to Chicago in 1951; he attended Forestville Grammar School and then Tilden High School; he transferred to Hyde Park High School, where he played baseball and basketball; he organized the Comets in 1956, which consisted of youth from the Kenwood/Oakwood Neighborhoods; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Bobby Rockymore worked at Spiegel's and continued coaching the Comets; in 1957, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and became a member of the Post Basketball Team, travelling throughout the southwest; he was honorably discharged in 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Once he returned from the Army, Bobby Rockymore organized the Comets at the South Shore YMCA; he began working with Youth Action and continued at Spiegel's; the Comets took off in the 1960s and started winning championship games and traveled all over the State; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bobby Rockymore married Beverly, his best friend
2 and the love of his life, on September 30, 1968; they worked
3 together to support Bobby's players and opened their home for a
4 meal or a place to stay when needed; in later years, they
5 enjoyed traveling together; and

6 WHEREAS, Bobby Rockymore was preceded in death by his son,
7 Michael; and

8 WHEREAS, Bobby Rockymore is survived by his wife, Beverly;
9 his children, Adrian (Larry) Rucker and Robert Rockymore Jr.;
10 his granddaughter, Beverly (Damian); his great-granddaughter,
11 Danielle; his siblings, Lionel, Michael, Mark, Shirley,
12 Yvonne, Francine, and Bonnie; and his many friends in the
13 basketball community and other organizations; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 mourn the passing of Robert "Bobby" Rockymore and extend our
17 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
18 and loved him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Bobby Rockymore as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.