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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dwain P.  
4 Williams of Chicago, who passed away on December 3, 2020 at the  
5 age of 65; and

6           WHEREAS, Dwain Williams was born in Chicago to James and  
7 Vivian L. Williams; he was affectionately known to many as  
8 "TC"; he attended Altgeld Elementary School and Harper High  
9 School; he served in the U.S. Army starting in 1976; he served  
10 as a wire systems installer and operator in numerous duty  
11 stations around the world, with his last duty station being the  
12 501st Signal Battalion of the 101st Airborne Assault Division;  
13 following active duty, he served in the U.S. Army Reserves for  
14 two years while attending college; he was meritoriously  
15 decorated and received several commendations, including expert  
16 badges for M16 rifle/sharpshooter and hand grenade; over the  
17 course of his life, he acquired four degrees and over 80  
18 certifications in numerous mathematical, scientific, and  
19 independent studies; and

20           WHEREAS, Dwain Williams began his 26-year career with the  
21 Chicago Fire Department in December 1992; he was assigned to  
22 Engine 122; he served as an Emergency Medical Technician and a  
23 CAD Computer Instructor; he was a part of Command Van-274 and

1 the Hazardous Incident Team/5-1-1; he taught Response to  
2 Terrorism Basic Concepts as a Chicago Fire Academy instructor;  
3 he was promoted to fire engineer in 2005; he was promoted to  
4 lieutenant in 2011; he completed his work for the City of  
5 Chicago as a fire tactical desk and watch officer in the Office  
6 of Emergency Management and Communications; he retired in 2017;  
7 during his career, he was honored with countless accolades and  
8 awards; and

9 WHEREAS, Dwain Williams mentored many at-risk youth in his  
10 community for over 10 years; he served as an instructor with  
11 the Chicago Park District, working to mold young minds; he also  
12 served as a computer and physical education teacher at St.  
13 Philip Neri School; his mission was to save as many young lives  
14 as he could reach; and

15 WHEREAS, Dwain Williams was an active member of the  
16 American Legion; he committed to his faith at a young age and  
17 previously attended the Harris Temple AOH Church of God In  
18 Christ and Mount Vernon Church, where he developed a passion  
19 for basketball, music, and acting; he played with many bands,  
20 including The Rams and Mixed Nutz; he loved mathematics,  
21 science, and technology; he was an avid chessman; he enjoyed  
22 fishing and relaxing on the water; and

23 WHEREAS, Dwain Williams was a passionate and supportive

1 husband and father; he set an extraordinary standard for his  
2 children regarding love, education, civic responsibility, the  
3 importance of a work ethic, unity, peace, and commitment to the  
4 betterment of humanity; he instilled the importance of  
5 self-worth, self-expression, confidence, and hard work in his  
6 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; he will be  
7 remembered for his courage and exemplifying what it means to be  
8 a hero; his legacy will live on; and

9 WHEREAS, Dwain Williams was preceded in death by his  
10 parents; and

11 WHEREAS, Dwain Williams is survived by his wife, Karen  
12 Armstrong-Williams; his four children, Tarmarcea (Chalil),  
13 Kenya (Carlos), Diona, and Dakeeda (Quintin); his godson,  
14 Erick; his brother, Keith (Jacqueline); his sister, Anunka  
15 (Stanley); his special sister-in-law, Linda; his  
16 grandchildren, Chail, Chailzon Sr., Chatari, Chabreel,  
17 Charity, Mi'chelle, Michael Jr., Jordan, and Zion; his six  
18 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins,  
19 friends, and colleagues; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
21 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we mourn the passing of Dwain P. Williams and extend our  
23 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew

1 and loved him; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Dwain Williams as an expression of  
4 our deepest sympathy.