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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Michael Steven Johnson of Chicago on November 11, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was born in Los Angeles, California to Rayfield and Clairece Watkins who preceded him in death; he graduated from Wendell Phillips High School, after which he served four years in the United States Air Force; after discharge, he continued his education and received an Associate's Degree in Mathematics from Kennedy-King College; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson worked for the Chicago Transit Authority for thirty-four years, a job he really loved and enjoyed; he also worked for the Chicago Park District; he was very involved with community activities in the early 1970s as a Democratic Precinct Captain of the 2nd Ward; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson accepted Christ at an early age and attended Christ Universal Temple in Chicago; he had a charismatic personality and infectious smile; he was a "people person"; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Steven Johnson's passing will be deeply felt by many, especially his wife of twenty-six years, Willia; his two daughters, Alderman Latasha Thomas (Timothy Jr.) and Teresa Johnson; his son, Justin; his grandchildren, Victoria, Timothy III, and Christian Jaelen; his godson, Romulus Jackson; his sisters, Imani Kali-Nyah and Lametrice Bush (Kirk); his brother, Rayfield Watkins, Jr.; his two special aunts, Ora D. Frenchwood and Betty Woodward; his mother-in-law, Emma Pope; his five sisters-in-law; his three brothers-in-law; his three special cousins, Johnny L. Robinson, Earle Deloach, and Thomas Gosha; his two special friends, Lionel Walker and Milford

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1 Hackett; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of other
2 relatives and friends; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 mourn the death of Michael Steven Johnson along with all who
6 knew and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his
7 family and friends; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Michael Steven Johnson as an
10 expression of our deepest sympathy.