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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Benjamin I. Uwumarogie on Wednesday, April 26, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Born on June 29, 1983, Benjamin Igieobo Uwumarogie was the first son born to Sunday Igieobo and Portia Ann Uwumarogie, however three older brothers, Lewis Fowler III, Christopher Uwumarogie, and DeShannon Foster-Uwumarogie preceded him in birth; he was also blessed with two older sisters, Damita Jo Fowler and Veronica Uwumarogie, and two younger sisters, Alicia and Victoria Uwumarogie; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin was known by many names, including Ben Breeze, Benny Uwu, O B 1, and Ace Boon Coone among others; he had a great sense of humor and was the family jester; his great sense of humor helped him to make friends quite easily; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin was very interested in his music, athletics, modeling, and comedy, and he was a capable student; he attended Woodson South Elementary School in Chicago, Sieden Prairie Elementary School in Matteson, and graduated from Rich South High School in Richton Park; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from Barbizon Modeling School and attended Joliet Junior College, where he played football; at the time of his passing, he was a student at the College of DuPage, where he was a wide receiver on the football team; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Benjamin Igieobo Uwumarogie has been deeply felt by many, especially his parents; his children, Benji and Jaedyn; his siblings; his sister-in-law, Tameka Fowler; his nephews, Brandon Fowler, Lewis IV, and Cedric Thompson Jr.; his nieces, Brittany Fowler, JaCoyah Harrison, and Janell Thompson; his many aunts, uncles, and cousins

1 throughout the United States and Africa; and his friends;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we mourn the passing of Benjamin Igieobo Uwumarogie, and we
6 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
7 who knew and loved him; and be it further

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