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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, State Representative Monique D. Davis and the
3 members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened
4 to learn of the death of R. Eugene Pincham of Chicago, who
5 passed away on April 3, 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, R. Eugene Pincham was born in Chicago on June 28,
7 1925 and grew up in Alabama; he graduated from high school in
8 1942 and later attended LeMoyne College in Memphis; he
9 transferred to Tennessee State University in 1944 and earned a
10 bachelor's degree in political science in 1947; and

11 WHEREAS, He married Alzata C. Henry in 1948 and enrolled in
12 Northwestern University School of Law that same year; he worked
13 his way through school by waiting on tables at the Palmer House
14 Hotel and shining shoes; he earned his law degree in 1951; and

15 WHEREAS, He practiced law for the next 25 years; he was a
16 brilliant criminal defense lawyer and a hero in Chicago's black
17 neighborhoods; and

18 WHEREAS, He served as both a Cook County judge and Illinois
19 Appellate Court justice; he became a Circuit Court judge in
20 1976 and was assigned to the Criminal Division, where he served
21 until 1984; he then became an Appellate Court justice and

1 resigned in 1989; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1989 he unsuccessfully sought the Democratic
3 Party nomination for president of the Cook County Board of
4 Commissioners; he was the nominee for mayor of Chicago in the
5 Harold Washington Party in 1991; he lost the election but
6 carried 19 of the 50 city wards; and

7 WHEREAS, After his retirement, Judge Pincham continued to
8 practice law; he also lectured at Harvard University,
9 Northwestern, DePaul, Notre Dame, and the University of
10 Chicago; he was a member of the American Civil Liberties Union
11 and a lifetime member of the NAACP; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Pincham is survived by his son, Robert
13 Eugene Pincham Jr.; his daughter, Dr. Andrea Michelle
14 Pincham-Benton; his son, James Frederick Pincham; and his three
15 grandchildren; he was preceded in death by his wife; therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Judge
20 R. Eugene Pincham; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of R. Eugene Pincham as a symbol of our
2 sympathy.