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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 Otis McDonald of Chicago, who passed  
5 away on April 4, 2014; and

6           WHEREAS, Otis McDonald was born in Louisiana in 1933; he  
7 settled in Chicago in 1952 after serving in the United States  
8 Army; and

9           WHEREAS, Otis McDonald worked as a janitor for the  
10 University of Chicago and worked his way up to maintenance  
11 engineer; while working at the U. of C., he earned an associate  
12 degree from Kennedy-King College; he retired in 1996; and

13           WHEREAS, Otis McDonald was the lead plaintiff in the  
14 lawsuit that prompted the landmark United States Supreme Court  
15 decision that struck down Chicago's 28-year ban on handguns;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, Otis McDonald felt strongly that he had a duty to  
18 stand up for the rights that had been taken away from  
19 African-Americans during slavery, including the right to bear  
20 arms; and

1           WHEREAS, Otis McDonald is survived by is wife, Laura, and  
2 by 4 grown children; therefore, be it

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

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