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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 James O.
4 Boggan; and

5 WHEREAS, James Boggan was born on October 15, 1944 in
6 Mobile, Alabama; his parents were John and Jimmie Sue Boggan;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, James Boggan developed a love for football at a
9 young age in 1963 while attending Williamson High School, where
10 he played running back; while there, he led the Lions to
11 back-to-back state titles in 1962 and 1963 and set a state
12 record for the longest touchdown run in a championship game
13 with a 97-yard run; his high school career culminated in an
14 athletic scholarship to Jackson State College, where he played
15 football and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education;
16 in 1976, he earned a Master of Arts in Human Development at
17 Governors State University; he also played briefly in the
18 Canadian Football League; and

19 WHEREAS, James Boggan served his country as a member of the
20 United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1969; in
21 1970, he married Bonita; later in life he met Virgil Ann and
22 they were married in 2003; and

1 WHEREAS, Following his military service, James Boggan
2 began a career with the Chicago Public Schools system, where he
3 served for 40 years as a teacher and a coach; he served in many
4 schools, including Waller High School (Lincoln Park), Victor
5 Herbert Elementary School, Collins High School, and Manley High
6 School; during that time, he was an irreplaceable part of the
7 National Youth Sports Program at Malcolm X College each summer;
8 during his tenure, the program was awarded the "Conte for
9 Excellence" in 2001, signifying the number one National Youth
10 Sports Program in the country, by President Bill Clinton; he
11 officially retired in 2003, but continued to teach, mentor, and
12 coach until 2013; and

13 WHEREAS, James Boggan was inducted into the Illinois High
14 School Association Coaching Hall of Fame in 2005; he was also a
15 recipient of the Larry Hawkins Award for Excellence in
16 Education and Coaching and received the Legacy Award from
17 Waller/Lincoln Park High School; and

18 WHEREAS, James Boggan accepted Christ in his life at an
19 early age; he later joined Broadview Missionary Baptist Church
20 under the direction of Reverend Clarence W. Hopson; and

21 WHEREAS, James Boggan was preceded in death by 2 sisters,
22 Annie Jewel Roberts and Catherine Bogan; and

1 WHEREAS, James Boggan is survived by his devoted wife,
2 Virgil Ann; brothers, Bobby (Ness) Boggan and John (Willie Bea)
3 Boggan; sisters, Alnetha (Carl) Berry and Benita (Donavan)
4 Bogan-Ledgister; children, Brian (Rhonda) Boggan, Renee
5 Boggan, Tanya (Michael) Ross, Imana Phillips, Ishshah
6 Phillips, and Yasmina Phillips; 4 grandchildren; 4
7 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of
12 James O. Boggan; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of James Boggan as an expression of our
15 sympathy.