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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 Leroy  
4 Thomas Harris of Chicago; and

5 WHEREAS, Leroy Harris was born in Chicago on July 9, 1945  
6 to Melvina Rita Thompson and Leroy Harris; he graduated from  
7 Hyde Park High School (now Hyde Park Academy) in the spring of  
8 1965 and enlisted in the United States Army in August; he was  
9 stationed in Vietnam, where he saw combat and served as a  
10 military police officer; he earned the National Defense Service  
11 Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal,  
12 and the Good Conduct Medal; while in the service, he also  
13 performed as part of a dance troupe to entertain the troops;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Leroy Harris worked for the Washington, D.C.  
16 Metropolitan Police Department for over 24 years; he started  
17 out on foot patrol and retired as a Homicide Detective  
18 Sergeant; he also worked as a real estate broker, selling homes  
19 to mayors, local politicians, police officers, friends, and  
20 family; and

21 WHEREAS, Leroy Harris relocated to Chicago in 1992 and  
22 married his high school sweetheart, Marcia; he retired from the

1 Cook County State's Attorney's Office; he also worked as a real  
2 estate broker with Coldwell Banker; and

3 WHEREAS, Leroy Harris was well-known for his barbeque,  
4 spaghetti with neck bones, crab cakes, and gumbo and loved to  
5 dance; for many years he served as a Trustee at New Christian  
6 Valley Full Gospel Baptist Church in South Holland; and

7 WHEREAS, Leroy Harris is survived by his wife, Marcia; his  
8 mother, Melvina Rita Storrs; 3 daughters, Kimberly Fulks  
9 (William), Kelli Harris, and Salli Whitfield (Dondre); 2 sons,  
10 Kevin Harris and Naland Best (Sharice); one brother, Harold  
11 Wymbs (Cassandra); 4 sisters, Lada Harland (Shawn), Shirley  
12 James (Clarence), Wyllette Collins, and Patricia McAfee; 10  
13 grandchildren, Stacey, Kevin Michael, Kayla, Camille, Alonzo,  
14 Kaleb, Parker, Damarion, Dre, and Zaland; 2 aunts, Clara Lee  
15 and Ora Belle Wilson; 2 godchildren, Julian and Kelsie Bowers;  
16 and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends;  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we mourn the passing of Leroy Thomas Harris, and extend our  
21 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
22 and loved him; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Leroy Harris as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.