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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Jeffery Komada was a dedicated math teacher at  
3 William Howard Taft High School in Chicago for 30 years; he  
4 also served as the school's Director of Technology; and

5 WHEREAS, Jeffery Komada was a loving husband to his wife  
6 Cathy and a doting and loving father to his daughters  
7 Jacqueline and Vanessa; and

8 WHEREAS, On a rainy Saturday, April 30, 2016, as Jeffery  
9 Komada was driving his Honda CRV on Interstate 94 near Touhy  
10 Avenue, he struck a Ford Windstar minivan that was stalled in  
11 traffic on the rain-slicked highway; a Volkswagen driven by a  
12 38 year-old woman who had her 4 year-old daughter in the car  
13 with her then hit the minivan; and

14 WHEREAS, After the accident, Jeffery Komada, in the finest  
15 traditions of a Good Samaritan, assisted the woman and her  
16 daughter who were in the Volkswagen by moving them into his CRV  
17 for safety; a semitrailer truck then struck all three vehicles;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Jeffery Komada was standing outside his vehicle  
20 when the semitrailer truck hit the cars and died from injuries  
21 suffered from the impact; and

1           WHEREAS, Mark Grishaber, the principal of Taft High School,  
2           called Jeffery Komada's death a tremendous loss for the school  
3           and his students; and

4           WHEREAS, Richard Winge, president of the Taft High School  
5           Foundation, announced that Jeffery Komada would be inducted  
6           into the William Howard Taft Hall of Fame as part of the 2016  
7           class of inductees and said that the induction was a  
8           well-deserved honor; and

9           WHEREAS, It is fitting to recognize the selfless and  
10          generous service that Jeffery Komada gave to his students, to  
11          his school, and to those in need on that tragic day; therefore,  
12          be it

13          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14          NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15          mourn the passing of Jeffery Komada and extend our most sincere  
16          condolences to his wife and children and to his entire family  
17          on their loss; and be it further

18          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19          presented to the family of Jeffery Komada as an expression of  
20          our deepest sympathy.