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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Clarence Thomas, who passed away on February 26, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Clarence Thomas was born to Viola (Wordlaw) and Henry Thomas on January 9, 1953; he graduated from Austin High School in 1971; he attended the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh; and

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WHEREAS, Clarence Thomas served as the supervisor of building and grounds for Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview School District 89, demonstrating his commitment to education and his community's infrastructure; and

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WHEREAS, Clarence Thomas began his political career as a precinct captain for the 29th Ward Democratic Organization in 1975; his career spanned across five decades while he served as an adviser on congressional, statewide, and county races for various candidates running for the U.S. Senate, Governor, State's Attorney, and county board seats; and

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WHEREAS, Clarence Thomas was elected as a trustee of Proviso Township in 2017, and he was reelected in 2021, holding that position until his passing; and

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1 WHEREAS, Clarence Thomas served on the board of the
2 Campaign For a Drug Free Westside from 2008 to 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, Clarence Thomas was a devoted father, committed
4 public servant, and tireless community advocate whose greatest
5 pride was his family and the numerous young men he mentored
6 throughout the years; his political acumen and dedication will
7 inspire generations to come; and

8 WHEREAS, Clarence Thomas was preceded in death by his
9 parents; and

10 WHEREAS, Clarence Thomas is survived by his children,
11 Malcolm (Shawn) Smith, Dawn (Mario) Houston, Taya (Jeremi)
12 Bryant, Marcus (Dawn) Thomas, and Jada Thomas; ten
13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn the passing of Clarence Thomas and extend our sincere
17 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
18 him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Clarence Thomas as an expression

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1 our deepest sympathy.