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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 Malik T. Murray of Chicago, who passed away on April 19, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Malik Murray, the son of the Honorable Leonard Murray and Linda Diane Gray Murray, was born in 1974; he was raised in Chicago's South Shore neighborhood, and he had recently become a resident of Chicago's West Town neighborhood; he attended St. Philip Neri Elementary School and graduated from Saint Ignatius College Prep in 1992, where he was a standout player on the men's basketball team, being named one of Chicago Tribune's Athletes of the Week in 1991 and averaging 20.1 points and 9.5 rebounds per game; he earned his bachelor's degree in finance from the Driehaus College of Business at DePaul University in 1996, where he was a four-year letter winner on the men's basketball team and served as the team's seventh man during his senior year; and

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WHEREAS, Malik Murray interned at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange during his undergraduate studies, introducing him to a career in finance; after graduating from DePaul, he worked for Bank One Brokerage for eight years, where he eventually served as a broker for its international exchange-traded products; he earned his MBA in Finance from the Kellstadt

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1 Graduate School of Business at DePaul University in 2004; that
2 same year, he joined Ariel Investments, a global asset
3 management firm based in Chicago, where he eventually rose to
4 the position of senior vice president and head of business
5 development and institutional marketing, and he was noted for
6 always putting his clients and colleagues first and for
7 inspiring excellence in others; during his career, he also
8 worked as a referee for the NBA Development League, now known
9 as the G League; and

10 WHEREAS, Malik Murray spent his career giving back; he
11 served on the Saint Ignatius College Prep Board of Directors
12 from 2017 to 2023, where he was the founding chair of the
13 School Culture Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging
14 Committee and served as a mentor to many players, students,
15 and coaches; he served on the DePaul University Board of
16 Trustees beginning in 2023, where he was a member of the
17 Finance and Investment Committee and co-vice chair of the
18 Athletics Committee; he established the Linda Diane Gray
19 Murray Excellence Through Education, Equity and Inclusion
20 Endowment to help subsidize tuition for deserving students at
21 Saint Ignatius College Prep and created the Malik T. Murray
22 Endowed Scholarship for Excellence in Basketball and Finance
23 at DePaul University; he also held leadership roles with the
24 National Association of Securities Professionals; and

1 WHEREAS, Malik Murray possessed a fiercely competitive,
2 yet abundantly kind spirit, and he was known for his loyalty,
3 generosity, integrity, and commitment to service; outside of
4 work, he was an avid golfer and enjoyed traveling; he will
5 especially be remembered as a generous man who lived with deep
6 purpose, lifted others, and built lasting community wherever
7 he went; and

8 WHEREAS, Malik Murray was preceded in death by his mother;
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10 WHEREAS, Malik Murray is survived by his partner,
11 Elizabeth "Liz"; his father; his sisters, Nubia Murray Davis
12 and Kai Murray; and his brother, Kamau Murray; therefore, be
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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 Malik T. Murray 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 Malik Murray as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.