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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were saddened to learn of the passing of
4 Spencer Leak Jr., a distinguished businessman, civic leader,
5 mentor, and third-generation steward of one of Illinois' most
6 respected family-owned institutions; and

7 WHEREAS, Spencer Leak served as vice president of Leak &
8 Sons Funeral Homes, a historic Black-owned enterprise that has
9 served generations of families throughout Chicago, Cook
10 County, and the State of Illinois with dignity, compassion,
11 professionalism, and care; and

12 WHEREAS, Spencer Leak followed in the footsteps of his
13 grandfather, Andrew Leak, and his father, Spencer Leak Sr.,
14 and devoted his life to preserving and strengthening a family
15 legacy that became an enduring pillar of the African American
16 community and a trusted institution for countless Illinois
17 families; and

18 WHEREAS, Spencer Leak graduated from Southern Illinois
19 University Carbondale with a Bachelor of Science in Mortuary
20 Science and Funeral Service and became a licensed funeral
21 director in 1989, dedicating more than three decades to
22 serving families during some of life's most difficult moments;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Spencer Leak, through his leadership, expanded
3 Leak & Sons Funeral Homes operational excellence and continued
4 its tradition of service, helping thousands of families each
5 year navigate grief with dignity and respect; and

6 WHEREAS, Spencer Leak was known for his generosity of
7 spirit and commitment to community service beyond his
8 professional accomplishments; he mentored young African
9 American men through 100 Black Men, served on the boards of
10 Operation PUSH and the Better Boys Foundation, and devoted
11 himself to strengthening opportunities for future generations;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Spencer Leak was an active member of Kappa Alpha
14 Psi Fraternity, Inc., Liberty Baptist Church, and the Illinois
15 Funeral Directors Association, embodying a life rooted in
16 faith, fellowship, and service; and

17 WHEREAS, Spencer Leak's leadership and contributions were
18 recognized throughout his lifetime, including being named in
19 Who's Who of Black Chicago and receiving the Men of Excellence
20 Award from the Chicago Defender; and

21 WHEREAS, Spencer Leak honorably carried the responsibility

1 of the family name, which for generations of Chicagoans
2 represented more than a business; it represented trust,
3 stability, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to serving
4 the community with grace and distinction; and

5 WHEREAS, Spencer Leak leaves behind a legacy of service
6 and devotion, as well as his beloved wife, Dr. Donna Leak; his
7 children, Spencer Leak III and Emma Sophia Leak; and numerous
8 family members, friends, colleagues, mentees, and community
9 members whose lives were enriched by his presence; therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we mourn the passing of Spencer Leak Jr. and extend our sincere
14 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
15 him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Spencer Leak as a symbol of our
18 deepest sympathy.