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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 Judge  
4 Raymond Myles, who passed away on April 10, 2017 at the age of  
5 66; and

6           WHEREAS, Judge Myles graduated from Harrison High School in  
7 1968; he received his Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from the  
8 University of Illinois in 1972 and his Master of Arts in Social  
9 Work in 1974; he received his Juris Doctor from the University  
10 of Illinois in 1977; and

11           WHEREAS, Judge Myles worked for a time in Springfield  
12 before returning to Chicago and joining the Cook County State's  
13 Attorney's Office; he left that position and started in private  
14 practice; and

15           WHEREAS, Judge Myles was appointed to the Circuit Court of  
16 Cook County in 1999; and

17           WHEREAS, Judge Myles doled out advice and tough love from  
18 the bench, monitoring probation and linking defendants to jobs  
19 and education; he kept a stash of collared shirts for anyone  
20 who arrived without one, which he would sometimes launder  
21 himself; one defendant, who confessed that he never wore ties

1 to court because he did not own any, received a bag of neckties  
2 taken from the closet of Judge Myles; and

3 WHEREAS, After his first year on the bench, Judge Myles  
4 began an annual tradition: a courtroom graduation party for  
5 anyone on his docket who received a diploma or GED; as many as  
6 a dozen defendants would show up, many making the trip to the  
7 courthouse even though they no longer were required to do so by  
8 a probation officer; he would even go to high school  
9 graduations to see his defendants get their diplomas in person,  
10 sometimes years after the last time he had seen them in court;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Myles remembered whether defendants had  
13 children or ailing relatives, and asked about them, often  
14 reminding them that they needed to succeed to make a better  
15 life for their loved one; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Myles really liked that he could actually  
17 make a difference, and did not want to send anyone to jail or  
18 prison; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21 mourn the passing of Judge Raymond Miles, and extend our  
22 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew

1 and loved him; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Judge Myles as an expression of our  
4 deepest sympathy.