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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 Billy  
4 Oscar Stewart, who passed away on September 20, 2018; and

5           WHEREAS, Oscar Stewart was born in Meridian, Mississippi to  
6 James and Walterine Stewart on September 24, 1942; he attended  
7 Chicago elementary schools and graduated from Tilden Tech High  
8 School in Chicago; he served in the U.S. Air Force for four  
9 years and was stationed in Italy and Alaska; he worked for two  
10 years in Alaska as a fireman and returned to Chicago in 1965;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, Oscar Stewart married Essie Mae, his next door  
13 neighbor, on January 24, 1967, and two days later, the biggest  
14 snow storm ever hit Chicago; and

15           WHEREAS, Oscar Stewart enjoyed reading and took a book  
16 everywhere; he also enjoyed debating, loved a challenge, and  
17 was always ready for a discussion anywhere and with anyone; his  
18 biggest enjoyment was spending time with his family, especially  
19 at the movies; and

20           WHEREAS, Oscar Stewart was preceded in death by his parents  
21 and his brother, James Ray Stewart; and

1           WHEREAS, Oscar Stewart is survived his wife, Essie; his  
2 daughters, Ersal Veloria and Billie Oretha Stewart-Tigue  
3 (Antawn); his son, Major James (Denise); his grandsons, Matthew  
4 Oscar, Marcus Antawn, and Major James II; his sister, Matterine  
5 Ruffin; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Ersal and Elbert  
6 Mack; his brother-in law, Dan Williams; his sister-in law,  
7 Deseree Williams; and numerous relatives, cousins, nephews,  
8 nieces, and friends; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 mourn the passing of Billy Oscar Stewart and extend our sincere  
12 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
13 him; and be it further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Oscar Stewart as an expression of  
16 our deepest sympathy.