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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Eddie L. Jones II, who passed away on May 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Jones II was born in Cotton Plant, Arkansas to Eddie L. and Rosie L. Jones on March 27, 1952; he moved to Chicago with his family in 1956; he spent his childhood and teenage years in the Chicago neighborhood now referred to as Bronzeville; he attended Mayo Elementary School and graduated from Wendell Phillips High School in 1970; he received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Western Illinois University in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Jones II worked for IBM for over 30 years; after leaving IBM, he worked for All Points Security; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Jones II was a lifelong member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, where he served as the Chapter President of Iota Delta Lambda and chairman of the March of Dimes; he served as chairman of the Iota Delta Lambda Educational Foundation for ten years; he was a dedicated philanthropist and traveled to Africa with the White House Advance Team under President Bill Clinton; he was a prominent face and force in city and State politics and served as president of the Chicago Urban League

- 1 Metro Board; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Eddie Jones II enjoyed spending time with his
- 3 family and playing baseball and golf; he especially enjoyed
- 4 music by The Spinners; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Eddie Jones II is survived by his children, Iesha
- 6 James, Matthew Jones, and Meghan Jones; and his four
- 7 grandchildren; therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 9 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 10 we mourn the passing of Eddie L. Jones II and extend our
- 11 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
- 12 and loved him; and be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 14 presented to the family of Eddie Jones II as an expression of
- our esteem and respect.