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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 David
4 Nathaniel Johnson, who passed away on May 15, 2021 at the age
5 of 72; and

6 WHEREAS, David Johnson grew up in Harvey; he graduated
7 from Thornton Township High School in Harvey, where he was
8 later inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame; he graduated from
9 Howard University; he later earned his graduate degree in
10 Political Science from Rutgers University; and

11 WHEREAS, David Johnson served as the first Black mayor of
12 Harvey for three consecutive terms from 1983 to 1995; during
13 his tenure, he was noted for his diligence to the city and for
14 being well respected among area elected officials; and

15 WHEREAS, David Johnson was a professor of African History,
16 African American History, Political Science, Sociology, and
17 Urban Studies at South Suburban College for 36 years, and he
18 taught over 10,000 students during his teaching career; he
19 retired as chairman of the Department of Social and Behavioral
20 Sciences in 2008; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout his retirement, David Johnson

1 continued his service to the community; he was a proud Howard
2 University Bison and a passionate advocate for Historically
3 Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); and

4 WHEREAS, David Johnson was known for being intellectual,
5 insightful, and enlightening; he was a lifelong student and
6 exemplified excellence in everything he did; he will be
7 remembered for the enduring impact he made on the lives of
8 those he met; and

9 WHEREAS, David Johnson is survived by his wife of 26
10 years, Bonnye Johnson; his daughters, Naima and Iman; and his
11 siblings; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we mourn the passing of David Nathaniel Johnson and extend our
15 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
16 and loved him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of David Johnson as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.