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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Joseph 4 James Murphy III, who passed away on November 13, 2021; and

P. Murphy Walters Gordon and Joseph James Murphy II in Beverly Hills, California on May 27, 1977; he was baptized at two years old and catechized at St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Elkhart, Indiana; he was raised in the church of Allen under the leadership of the Rev. Walter L. Walters II; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Murphy remained deeply committed to his faith throughout his life; he became a full member of St. Paul AME Church in Indianapolis, Indiana; he was later a member of the Ward Chapel AME church in Peoria; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Murphy was well-read; he loved reading books and newspapers, watching the news, and keeping updated on world events; he enjoyed a good intellectual exchange and debating with others; he also loved music, and he was a connoisseur of hip-hop music and well-versed in the genre's history and artists; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Joseph Murphy was affectionately known as "Big
- Joe" and was often thought of as a gentle giant; he possessed a
- 3 magical and magnetic personality and was known for his
- 4 generosity and his great sense of humor; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Joseph Murphy will be remembered as a loving son,
- 6 brother, uncle, friend, significant other, and father;
- 7 therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 9 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 10 we mourn the passing of Joseph James Murphy III 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 Joseph Murphy as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.