HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Joseph Murphy was born to Presiding Elder Elaine 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

WHEREAS, Joseph Murphy was affectionately known as "Big Joe" and was often thought of as a gentle giant; he possessed a magical and magnetic personality and was known for his generosity and his great sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Murphy will be remembered as a loving son, brother, uncle, friend, significant other, and father; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Joseph James Murphy III and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Joseph Murphy as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

