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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 James
4 Edward Wilson, who passed away on April 26, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, James Wilson was born to Reveal and Anna Mae
6 Wilson in Galesburg on November 9, 1936; he attended Galesburg
7 High School, where he excelled in sports and was a member of
8 the Silver Streaks basketball team; he graduated from Western
9 Illinois University; he served as a jet engine mechanic in the
10 U.S. Air Force; and

11 WHEREAS, James Wilson had a fruitful career at Fermi
12 National Laboratory, where he met the love of his life,
13 Shirley Payne; together, they shared love, laughter, and
14 leaning into their faith and each other for over 35 years; and

15 WHEREAS, James Wilson was a jack of all trades after
16 retirement, serving as a car salesman, a school bus driver,
17 and a pillar of motivational perpetuation at the funeral home,
18 as well as a devoted deacon at Logan Street Missionary Baptist
19 Church (MBC); he was also a past master at W.L. Darrow Masonic
20 Lodge #10 in Galesburg; and

21 WHEREAS, James Wilson was affectionately known as "Red",

1 "Paw Paw", and "Captain"; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we mourn the passing of James Edward Wilson and extend our
5 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
6 and loved him; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of James Wilson as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.