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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to honor the memory of Henry Cullen "Tony" Bryant Jr., who passed away on January 31, 2024 at the age of 72, leaving behind a legacy marked by diverse achievements and a life of service; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Bryant was born in Franklin, North Carolina to Joyce (Cassada) and Henry C. Bryant Sr. on February 26, 1951; he grew up in the Smoky Mountains, developing a lifelong appreciation for nature and the great outdoors; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Bryant was known for his educational and intellectual pursuits; he was a proud Franklin Panther and University of North Carolina Tar Heel, demonstrating a commitment to lifelong learning with degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Defense Language Institute, Appalachian Bible College, Dallas Theological Seminary, and Northern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Bryant served his country with distinction as an Army Non-Commissioned Officer, showcasing his dedication to duty, and his skills as a linguist and educator were evident through his work in various countries around the world; and

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1           WHEREAS, Henry Bryant's passion for the environment,  
2 literature, history, and coin collecting spoke to his  
3 multifaceted interests; he was also recognized as a musician,  
4 poet, and missionary, touching lives through his varied  
5 talents and pursuits; and

6           WHEREAS, Henry Bryant will be remembered for his wise  
7 words, "Love family, Love nature, and Read widely. And just  
8 know to embrace every day, because the time passes all too  
9 quickly.", reflecting his profound understanding of the  
10 transient nature of life; and

11           WHEREAS, Henry Bryant is survived by his loving wife,  
12 Gloria M. Gilmore; his children, Jennifer L. Bryant, Matthew  
13 C. Bryant, Joshua A. Bryant, and John G. Dewinski; and his  
14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who will carry forward  
15 his legacy of love, wisdom, and compassion; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we acknowledge the significant contributions of Henry Cullen  
19 "Tony" Bryant Jr. to his community, his country, and to all  
20 those he touched during his remarkable life, and we extend our  
21 deepest condolences to his family and friends; and be it  
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1           RESOLVED, That the family of Henry Bryant Jr. has  
2 suggested honoring his memory through charitable acts,  
3 resonating with his spirit of generosity and service to  
4 others; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That s suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Henry Bryant as an expression of our  
7 esteem and respect for a life well-lived and for his  
8 innumerable contributions to society.