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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 Ronald L.  
4 Allen of Naperville, who passed away on December 2, 2016; and

5           WHEREAS, Ronald Allen was born in Chicago on July 18, 1943;  
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7           WHEREAS, Ronald Allen founded the A. Allen Insurance Agency  
8 in Chicago's Austin community after graduating from Chicago  
9 State University; he had previously worked for the United  
10 States Postal Service and as a business teacher at King High  
11 School in Chicago; he was one of the first African American  
12 insurance agents for the Allstate Insurance Co. in Chicago, and  
13 maintained an affiliation with them for 42 years, retiring in  
14 2009; and

15           WHEREAS, Ronald Allen was a social activist in DuPage  
16 County; he spent his retirement active in the DuPage County  
17 Democratic Party and founded the Unity Partnership outreach  
18 group to foster trust and goodwill between police and county  
19 residents; he served as a precinct committeeman in Naperville  
20 Township and was an active member of the DuPage County NAACP;  
21 and

1           WHEREAS, Ronald Allen was an active member of the DuPage  
2 AME Church in Lisle and served on the DuPage Diversity steering  
3 committee; he served on the DuPage County Crime Stoppers Board  
4 of Directors, the Chicago State University Alumni Board, and  
5 the National African American Insurance Association Board of  
6 Directors; and

7           WHEREAS, Ronald Allen hosted his own radio show, "The  
8 Financial Forum", that aired on WVON-AM; he enjoyed the game of  
9 Whist so much that in 2014 he wrote a book, "The Evolution of  
10 Bid Whist", which not only offered playing strategy but traced  
11 the history of the game to the Civil War; he was an avid  
12 Chicago Cubs fan; and

13           WHEREAS, Ronald Allen is survived by his wife, Carol; his  
14 children, Keith, Mark, and Vera; and his granddaughter,  
15 Jasmine; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 mourn the passing of Ronald L. Allen, and extend our sincere  
19 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
20 him; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Ronald Allen as an expression of our

1 deepest sympathy.