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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 Graham
4 Waller Jr., who passed away on October 18, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Graham Waller was born in Greensboro, Georgia to
6 Graham Waller Sr. and Annie Sue Mae Jackson on July 6, 1924; he
7 began working for the Knox Brothers Lumber Company at the age
8 of 14; he graduated from Greensboro Colored High School in the
9 11th grade in 1941; and

10 WHEREAS, Graham Waller moved to Chicago in May 1944 and
11 secured a job loading car boxes at R&R Donnelly; he then worked
12 as a mail carrier for five years out of the Dearborn Station;
13 after World War II, he started modeling, including appearing
14 in Jet magazine; he also co-owned a gas station for two years;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Graham Waller became a truck driver for the
17 Denver-Chicago Trucking Company in March 1961 and worked in
18 various roles at the trucking company as a driver and trailer
19 spotter for many decades; and

20 WHEREAS, Graham Waller married Evada McNary on February 4,
21 1962, and they settled in Calumet Heights in July 1977; he

1 retired from the Transcon Trucking Company in 1987; and

2 WHEREAS, Graham Waller attended Kelly Methodist Church; he
3 enjoyed listening to old standards and the WVON radio station
4 and watching the 60 Minutes television program; his favorite
5 pastime was telling stories, especially of his family's
6 history, and he had an incredible memory for dates, events,
7 addresses, and names; and

8 WHEREAS, Graham Waller was preceded in death by his
9 parents; his sister, Annie Sue Berlack; and his brother, Alvin
10 Clyde Waller; and

11 WHEREAS, Graham Waller is survived by his wife of 63
12 years, Evada; his son and daughter-in-law, Anthony and Angela;
13 his daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Carl Meadows; his
14 brother and sister-in-law, Clarence and Kathleen; his
15 grandson, Anthony Jr.; his granddaughter, Malina; his favorite
16 cousin, Robert "Hughey" Jackson; his cousin, Alfred "Dewey"
17 Jackson; and numerous relatives and friends; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we mourn the passing of Graham Waller Jr. and extend our
21 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
22 and loved him; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Graham Waller as an expression of
3 our deepest sympathy.