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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Daviyae Keimar Shotwell, who passed away on January 9, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Daviyae Shotwell was born to LaTanya Denise Cobbins and Dwayne Shotwell in Chicago on March 21, 2008; he was christened at True Freedom Church, and he later attended New Life Covenant Church with his mother; he attended Les Finch Learning Tree and Holy Family School before continuing his academic journey at LaSalle Language Academy, where he studied French and graduated with honors; he then attended Noble Street College Prep High School, where he was a senior and eagerly looking forward to the many opportunities that lay ahead; and

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WHEREAS, Daviyae Shotwell lived with sickle cell disease but refused to allow the disease to define his ability to thrive; throughout his childhood, he remained actively involved in sports and extracurricular activities, demonstrating remarkable determination and resilience; he played basketball from first through third grade, joined an inner-city education program in 2019, where he had the opportunity to learn and practice ice hockey for three years, and became a member of the Hillside Youth Bowling League in

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1 2021; and

2 WHEREAS, Daviyae Shotwell was exceptionally intelligent,
3 becoming a champion chess player and developing a deep love
4 for music; he found great joy in rapping, using it as another
5 way to express his creativity and spirit; he also enjoyed
6 constructing humorous sayings that were often quoted by others
7 and cooking meals for his family and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Daviyae Shotwell was affectionately known by many
9 nicknames, including "Diggy", "Duke", "Mr. Smell Good", and
10 "Brudda", to name a few; he was a devoted son, brother, nephew,
11 and uncle and a true protector of children, possessing a
12 special heart for those with differences, showing them
13 patience, care, and genuine compassion; and

14 WHEREAS, Daviyae Shotwell was preceded in death by his
15 grandfathers, Luster V. Davis and Derrek Bernard; his uncle,
16 Erick Shotwell; and his special aunt, Cheresse Cobbins; and

17 WHEREAS, Daviyae Shotwell is survived by his parents; his
18 siblings, Jahnaja "Kueen" Martin, SuJuan Shotwell, and Maurkel
19 "Rick" Gills; his nephews and niece, Chanzelor Walker,
20 Lavontae Harris, and Cali Harris; his grandmothers, Minnie
21 Cobbins and Barbara Shotwell; his godfather, Jerome Davis; his
22 godsister, Shamiah Hines; his best friends, Jaezeon Johnson

1 and Antwon Lewis; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and
2 friends; therefore, be it

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

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Daviyae Shotwell as an expression
10 of our deepest sympathy.