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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 Jerry R.  
4 Buford of Chicago, who passed away on March 3, 2026; and

5           WHEREAS, Jerry Buford, the son of Juanita Buford-Puckett  
6 and Larry Tierney, was born on the West Side of Chicago on  
7 October 3, 1966; he attended John Hay Community Academy and  
8 Oak Park and River Forest High School, where he started his  
9 group, the P Boys; he studied at Loyola University Chicago  
10 from 1986 to 1990, during which he pursued stand-up comedy,  
11 hosting a college comedy tour and performing at various  
12 venues, and he later performed at the iconic comedy club All  
13 Jokes Aside and other venues throughout the Chicagoland area;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Jerry Buford developed an early interest in sales  
16 while working at the Carson, Pirie, Scott and Company building  
17 on State Street in Chicago, where he sold shoes; he ultimately  
18 became a top insurance broker in Illinois; during his nearly  
19 40-year career, he earned numerous accolades, including being  
20 named Salesman of the Year multiple times; he was also a top  
21 salesman at the Joe Perillo car dealership; his dedication,  
22 charisma, and ability to connect with people made him highly  
23 successful in his career; and

1           WHEREAS, Jerry Buford was baptized and committed to his  
2           faith an early age, attending church with his brother,  
3           Glennis, and his family; and

4           WHEREAS, Jerry Buford was a man of many talents and  
5           interests; he was also a car enthusiast, and he enjoyed  
6           photography, smoking cigars, hosting gatherings, traveling,  
7           and a number of sports, including skiing, golfing, basketball,  
8           and tennis; and

9           WHEREAS, Jerry Buford was a man with a bold style and a  
10          charming spirit; he lived life to the fullest and possessed a  
11          remarkable ability to find humor, wisdom, or a lesson in  
12          everything; he was known for his spirit, humor, and presence;  
13          and

14          WHEREAS, Jerry Buford was preceded in death by his  
15          parents; his brothers, Harold, Kimmy, Ricky, and Billy; and  
16          his sister, Linda; and

17          WHEREAS, Jerry Buford is survived by his siblings, Danny,  
18          Glennis (Chirapannee), Stanley, and Janice; his stepfather,  
19          Horace Puckett; his children, Christopher (Cachela), Ashley,  
20          Tyler, Jada, Justin, Akeelah, Naomi, Jerry Jr., Jhianna, and  
21          Akayla; eight grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews,

1 extended family members, and many friends; therefore, be it

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

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