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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Nile W. Gossett, who passed away on
4 May 5, 2025 at the age of 60; and

5 WHEREAS, Nile Gossett was born to Nile Edward Gossett and
6 Essie Lee Todd on February 20, 1965; he was raised on the South
7 Side of Chicago, where he attended Paul Cuffee Elementary
8 School; and

9 WHEREAS, Nile Gossett started working at his father's
10 dry-cleaning business at age ten, and by age 12, he attended
11 Chicago State University's gifted center while skipping
12 seventh grade and graduating eighth grade as valedictorian;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Nile Gossett attended Chicago Vocational High
15 School and then earned his bachelor's degree in business at
16 the Illinois Institute of Technology; and

17 WHEREAS, Nile Gossett worked for the Wrigley Company, the
18 Chicago Bulls, Inland Steel, McDonald's Corporation, and the
19 Chicago Chamber of Commerce; and

20 WHEREAS, Nile Gossett moved to Oak Park in 1999, where he

1 met his future wife, Megan, and the two married a year later;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Nile Gossett worked in sales and marketing for
4 Inland Steel Company in Chicago; after attending a diversity
5 training class and discovering the subject was his passion, he
6 transferred to Inland's training department and joined their
7 diversity task force; and

8 WHEREAS, Nile Gossett launched his consulting business,
9 Best Practices Training, and began conducting diversity
10 training workshops for clients, including the Village of Oak
11 Park, in 2000; and

12 WHEREAS, Nile Gossett also became involved with Project
13 Unity, a community initiative founded in 1993 that brought
14 together residents to foster interaction and socialization
15 across racial backgrounds; and

16 WHEREAS, Nile Gossett was impressed by what he observed
17 and eventually assumed the role of president within Project
18 Unity; and

19 WHEREAS, Nile Gossett, in a 2003 Chicago Tribune profile,
20 emphasized the importance of creating opportunities for
21 connection; he saw himself as an ambassador for bringing

1 people together, a sentiment echoed by Karin Grimes,
2 co-founder of Project Unity, who described him as a natural
3 leader; and

4 WHEREAS, Nile Gossett loved cooking, hosting gatherings,
5 and sharing his passion for Motown music, always bringing
6 energy and joy to every celebration; and

7 WHEREAS, Nile Gossett is survived by his wife, Megan; his
8 children, Alexander Gossett and Precious Adrienne (Brendan)
9 Lane; his grandchildren, Austin Lane, Olivia Lane, Ava Lane,
10 and Chloe Lane; his sister, Lavisha Littleton; his
11 brothers-in-law, Daveed (WaKisha) Allen and Moshe (Basia)
12 Allen; his nieces and nephew, Kryston Stokes, Angenique
13 Stokes, Makya Allen, Layah Allen, and John Allen; his
14 great-nephew, Nile Edward Kameron Gossett; his aunts, Esther
15 Dantley, Oneida White, and Gloria Lyles; and many cousins,
16 extended family members, and close friends; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Nile W. Gossett and extend our sincere condolences to his
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Nile Gossett as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.