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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 Kenneth
4 Dion Hutchinson of Chicago, who passed away on October 18,
5 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, Kenneth Hutchinson was born in Chicago to Leslie
7 and Kenneth Hutchinson on December 26, 1981; he attended
8 Goodlow Elementary School and Lindblom College Preparatory
9 High School, where he was involved in many activities,
10 including wrestling, Senior Brother's Council, and was
11 President of the National Honor Society; he and his future
12 wife, LaSandra, attended high school together, founded the
13 Student Action Committee, and attended Northwestern University
14 together; they were married on June 5, 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, Kenneth Hutchinson graduated from Northwestern
16 University with a degree in social policy and studied abroad in
17 Ghana, West Africa; he co-directed Northwestern's gospel choir
18 and the Northwestern Community Ensemble; he worked as a
19 work-study student in Northwestern's undergraduate admissions
20 which allowed him the opportunity to continue in undergraduate
21 admissions as the Assistant Director and Co-Coordinator of
22 African American Recruitment after graduation; he grew
23 passionate about increasing college access for students from

1 underrepresented groups; after Northwestern, he began serving
2 as the founding Director of College Counseling for Urban Prep
3 Charter Academy for Young Men - Englewood Campus; and

4 WHEREAS, At Urban Prep, Kenneth Hutchinson led
5 college-counseling efforts and was charged with helping to
6 ensure the school accomplished its goal of a 100% college
7 acceptance rate for every graduate of the school; his
8 persistence soon paid off, as students were placed in summer
9 enrichment programs at colleges and universities around the
10 world, including Thailand, Argentina, Ghana, South Africa,
11 China, Mexico, England, the Dominican Republic, and Costa Rica;
12 during his six years with the organization, he designed an
13 approach to college counseling that led him to successfully
14 achieve their goal of a 100% college acceptance rate; and

15 WHEREAS, Kenneth Hutchinson attended the Harvard
16 University Graduate School of Education's Institute for Urban
17 School Leaders and graduated with a Master of Science and
18 Communication from Northwestern University; he served on a
19 variety of boards and programs in the education sector,
20 including Penn State University's Multicultural Resource
21 Center's Black Male Empowerment Group; he was a reader and
22 National Ambassador for the Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship;
23 and

1 WHEREAS, Kenneth Hutchinson was baptized at Christ Temple
2 Apostolic Faith Church in October 2001; he ministered through
3 Oasis Bible Study, preaching and teaching on a variety of
4 college campuses including Northwestern University, Princeton
5 University, Wesleyan University, and the University of Cape
6 Coast in Ghana; in 2015, he joined the All Nations Worship
7 Assembly, where he served on the worship team, the prophetic
8 team, and the deliverance team; and

9 WHEREAS, Kenneth Hutchinson joined the Cristo Rey Network
10 in September 2015 as the Director of College Initiatives; among
11 his greatest accomplishments was fostering a collaborative
12 community of nearly 70 college counselors and alumni advisors,
13 whose roles were similar to the one he previously had at Urban
14 Prep; and

15 WHEREAS, Kenneth Hutchinson was a loving father who shared
16 countless funny sayings and inside jokes with his family; and

17 WHEREAS, Kenneth Hutchinson is survived by his wife,
18 LaSandra Nicole Hutchinson; his son, Noah; his daughters,
19 Noelle, Bella, and Halle; his mother, Leslie Matthews
20 (Theodore); his father, Kenneth (Debra) Hutchinson; his
21 brother, Maurice (Kemba) Hendrix; his stepbrothers, Quentin
22 Ray and Antonio Ray (Aisha); his sisters, Sade Hutchinson and
23 Kendra Jenkins; his mother-in-law, Lucille (Michael) Green;

1 his brother-in-law, Roderick Houston; his nieces, Laila,
2 Alyssa, and Jayden; and an extended family of beloved aunts,
3 uncles, and cousins; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 mourn the passing of Kenneth Dion Hutchinson, and extend our
7 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
8 and loved him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Kenneth Hutchinson as an expression
11 of our deepest sympathy.