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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 Zena Ray
4 "Zeke" Upshaw, who passed away on March 26, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, Zeke Upshaw was born in Chicago on May 27, 1991
6 and grew up in the Hyde Park neighborhood; he attended the
7 University of Chicago Laboratory Schools and played for the
8 Maroons, where as a junior in 2008, he was named the most
9 valuable player of the Independent School League; he was one of
10 the school's first players to earn a Division I basketball
11 scholarship when he went to play for the Illinois State
12 University (ISU) Redbirds; he graduated from ISU with a degree
13 in apparel, merchandising, and design in 2013; he then played
14 for the Hofstra University Pride while studying for a
15 post-graduate degree; and

16 WHEREAS, Zeke Upshaw played for the Helios Suns in Slovenia
17 during the 2014-2015 season and for Basket Esch in Luxembourg
18 during the 2015-2016 season; and

19 WHEREAS, Zeke Upshaw was drafted by the Grand Rapids Drive
20 in the 2016 NBA Developmental League Draft; and

21 WHEREAS, Zeke Upshaw was in his second season with the

1 Grand Rapids Drive, an affiliate of the Detroit Pistons;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 mourn the passing of Zena Ray "Zeke" Upshaw, 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 Zeke Upshaw as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.