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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 Leo Harris of Chicago, who passed away on February 17, 2019;
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6 WHEREAS, Kenneth Harris was born to James and Nettie Harris
7 and raised on the South Side of Chicago during the Great
8 Depression; and

9 WHEREAS, Kenneth Harris attended Sherwood Elementary
10 School and later enrolled in Tilden Technical High School,
11 where he studied engineering and graduated in 1947; and

12 WHEREAS, While attending Tilden High School, Kenneth
13 Harris was often forced to defend himself or sprint home to
14 avoid fights during those blatantly segregated times; the
15 experience paved the way for him to earn a track scholarship to
16 Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1953, Kenneth Harris enlisted in the United
18 States Army and served in the Korean War; he was stationed in
19 Japan until his honorable discharge in 1955; and

20 WHEREAS, Kenneth Harris returned to Chicago, married the

1 love of his life, Delores Murphy, and raised three children,
2 Freddrenna M. Lyle, Katinka L. Harris-Spurlin, and Michael
3 Kenneth Harris Sr.; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we mourn the passing of Kenneth Leo Harris 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 Harris as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.