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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Greg 4 Hinton, a lifelong Chicagoan, who passed away on August 25, 5 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, Greg Hinton was born on August 4, 1953; he grew up
7 in Bronzeville with his parents and six siblings; he graduated
8 from Wendell Phillips Academy High School and the University of
9 Illinois; he earned a master's degree from Loyola University
10 Chicago and was a doctoral candidate studying values driven
11 leadership at Benedictine University; and

WHEREAS, Greg Hinton was a proud member of Omega Psi Phi, the first predominantly African American fraternity to be founded at a historically black university, and was initiated into the Pi Psi Chapter at the University of Illinois in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Greg Hinton dedicated his life to expanding diversity in all levels of government, politics, and the private sector; he began his career as a human resources and staffing executive for multinational corporations, where he developed strategies to increase diversity in hiring and to create inclusive workplace environments; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, Greg Hinton was appointed the first chief 2 diversity officer for the Democratic National Committee, where 3 he held campaigns across the country accountable for increasing 4 the hiring of people of color and served as a liaison to the 5 White House regarding political diversity matters; and
- WHEREAS, Greg Hinton was the founder and Chief Executive

  Officer of Gregory Group Advisors, specializing in diversity

  and leadership consulting for businesses in the Chicago area;

  and
- 10 WHEREAS, After working with the Black United Fund of
  11 Illinois to provide philanthropic support to African American
  12 communities as a board member for 12 years, Greg Hinton was
  13 named Board Chairman of the organization in June 2019; and
  - WHEREAS, Greg Hinton was honored with over 50 awards in recognition of his leadership and contributions to communities across the globe; he served as a board member for dozens of organizations dedicated to advancing opportunities for minorities and to improving the lives of others; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Greg Hinton was a friend and mentor to many,
  20 dedicated to fostering the next generation of leaders in
  21 Chicago's South Side and across the world; he will be

remembered for his exuberance, tenacious work ethic, and

- 2 commitment to creating opportunities for all; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Greg Hinton is survived by his sons, Kyle,
- 4 Christopher, and Greg; his daughter, Arifa; and two
- 5 granddaughters; therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 7 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 8 we mourn the passing of Greg Hinton and extend our sincere
- 9 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
- 10 him; and be it further

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- 11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 12 presented to the family of Greg Hinton as an expression of our
- deepest sympathy.