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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Clarence B. Williamson Sr., who passed away on June 27, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Clarence Williamson was born in Chicago to Robert E. and Annie V. Williamson on June 1, 1930; he attended St. Elizabeth High School, Roosevelt University, and later in life, Chicago State University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science; in 1951, he married Marion Degraffimeed; and

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WHEREAS, Clarence Williamson worked in many of the family-owned businesses; he then started on a long political career; he became the first Precinct Captain of Parkway Gardens, Vice President of the Young Democrats, 6th Ward Executive Secretary, and Precinct Committeeman of the 6th Ward Democratic Organization for 27 years; he served as a State Representative in the Illinois General Assembly for the 29th District; and

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WHEREAS, During the tenure of Chicago Mayor Eugene Sawyer, Clarence Williamson served as his Administrative Assistant and Director of Contract Compliance and Affirmative Action; he retired from the Cook County Department of Probation in 1997;

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2 WHEREAS, Clarence Williamson continued working in the
3 insurance field, first as an underwriter for New York Life and
4 eventually becoming President of Vital Associates
5 Incorporated; and

6 WHEREAS, Clarence Williamson was interviewed by and
7 featured in The History Makers in August of 2000; he was a
8 lover of Jazz and could be seen around Chicago at many Jazz
9 events; he also had a passion for photography and swimming; he
10 was a member of several organizations, including the National
11 Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, the Illinois
12 Correctional Associations, the Knight of Columbus (4th
13 Degree), Jazz Unites (Board Member), the Jazz Institute of
14 Chicago, the Hyde Park Jazz Society, and Alpha Phi Alpha
15 Fraternity, Inc.; and

16 WHEREAS, Clarence Williamson was preceded in death by his
17 son, Clarence Jr.; his parents; his sister, Queenetta Miller;
18 and his brothers, Joseph Williamson, Robert Williamson Jr.,
19 and Theodore Williamson; and

20 WHEREAS, Clarence Williamson is survived by his wife,
21 Marion; his grandson, Clarence III; his sister, Patricia
22 Comeaux; many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and numerous other

1 family members and devoted friends; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we mourn the passing of Clarence B. Williamson Sr. and extend
5 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who
6 knew and loved him; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Clarence Williamson as an
9 expression of our deepest sympathy.