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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 Raymond
4 Leroy Buckner, who passed away on April 23, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Raymond Buckner was born in Chicago to Rev.
6 Elijah T. Sr. and Essie Mae (Mitchell) Buckner on July 29,
7 1947; he attended Parker High School in Chicago's Englewood
8 neighborhood, where he was a stand out wrestler; and

9 WHEREAS, Raymond Buckner found interest and joy in music,
10 both as an instrumentalist and a vocalist, playing the piano,
11 guitar, and alto saxophone; he was influenced by fellow
12 Chicago musicians Jerry Butler, Sam Cooke, and Curtis
13 Mayfield, with whom he would later collaborate; he made his
14 recording debut with his brothers for the Sanla label in 1968
15 with their first song, Love You From The Bottom of My Heart;
16 the group later changed their name to Buck and the 16th
17 Movement and later signed with Hugh Heffner's Playboy Records;
18 he continued to play music professionally for the remainder of
19 his life; and

20 WHEREAS, Raymond Buckner was also an accomplished visual
21 artist, mastering oil and acrylic painting; he was mentored by
22 the famous artist and graphic designer Thomas Miller; and

1 WHEREAS, Raymond Buckner began a career in law enforcement
2 in 1980 and worked as a Deputy Cook County Sheriff until his
3 retirement in 2004, achieving the rank of sergeant; and

4 WHEREAS, Raymond Buckner married Yvonne Wynn on October
5 23, 1983; and

6 WHEREAS, Raymond Buckner is survived by his wife, Yvonne
7 Wynn-Buckner; his daughters, Artiya (David), Natasha (Jorge),
8 Lisa (Kenneth), and Kamille; his son, Kambium; and his
9 grandsons, Donovan, Dillon, Durrell, and Kenneth Jr.;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we mourn the passing of Raymond Leroy Buckner and extend our
14 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
15 and loved him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Raymond Buckner as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.