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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 Emmanuel "Dean" Ellis, who passed away on April 15, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Emmanuel Ellis was born to James Ellis and Jessie Anna Ridgeway Ellis in Birmingham, Alabama on January 25, 1943; he received his early education in Alabama and New Jersey and committed to his faith at an early age; he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1960; he started out as an army cook and quickly advanced to serve with the Army Security Agency (ASA) Battalion stationed in Fort Campbell, Kentucky; as an Army ASA Military Intelligence Soldier, he was trained as a skilled marksman and advanced to a sharpshooter; he received a number of medals, honors, and badges for his service; after his military service, he moved to Chicago and attended Triton College where he majored in criminal justice; in 1983, he met his future wife, Joyce Mannings; and

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WHEREAS, In 1968, Emmanuel Ellis became a Cook County Illinois Sheriff; he retired after 30 years of dedicated service; and

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WHEREAS, Emmanuel Ellis and his wife supported their children, traveled the U.S., invested in a small business, and

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1 frequently fellowshiped with friends and family; they rarely  
2 missed family events and loved to celebrate life; and

3 WHEREAS, Emmanuel Ellis and his wife relocated to Houston,  
4 Texas and became active members of Fallbrook Church; he  
5 attended culinary school and was skilled at grilling, cooking,  
6 and fishing; his love for fishing inspired him to finance  
7 fishing excursions for young adults during annual family  
8 reunions; he will be especially remembered for his warmth,  
9 unconditional support, kindness, and thoughtful advice; and

10 WHEREAS, Emmanuel Ellis is survived by his wife, Joyce;  
11 his son, James Ellis; his daughters, Judy Ellis-Broome, Carol  
12 Ellis, Danielle (Travis) Armstead, and Mona Leanet; his  
13 surrogate brother, Chuck (Sylvia) Woods; his brother-in-law,  
14 Larry Mannings Sr.; his sister-in-law, Shirley Redmond; his  
15 grandchildren, Latasha, James Jr., Tatianna, Dwayne, Zack, and  
16 Camerone; his ten great-grandchildren; and his wealth of  
17 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we mourn the passing of Emmanuel "Dean" Ellis and extend our  
21 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
22 and loved him; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Emmanuel Ellis as an expression of  
3 our deepest sympathy.