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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 Edward  
4 "Ed" Negron of Chicago, who passed away on July 23, 2021; and

5           WHEREAS, Ed Negron was born on November 29, 1970; he was a  
6 lifelong resident of Chicago; he graduated from Carl Schurz  
7 High School and attended Harold Washington College; he served  
8 in the U.S. Army; he received his Sign Language certification  
9 and was a certified substance-abuse counselor; and

10           WHEREAS, Ed Negron was passionate about photography and  
11 worked as a freelance photographer, covering various events  
12 and private engagements; he had worked as a writer and  
13 photographer at Windy City Times; he was employed at Leather  
14 64Ten, where he was named Employee of the Year in 2020 and  
15 2021; and

16           WHEREAS, Ed Negron was a dedicated bisexual volunteer,  
17 mentor, leader, and advocate in the LGBTQ, Latino, and  
18 recovering communities for many years; he spoke publicly about  
19 his life as a former addict, gang member, and drug dealer to  
20 work against the effects of drugs, addiction, homophobia, and  
21 oppression; he also spoke on behalf of U.S. Army veterans; and

1           WHEREAS, Ed Negrón served as a volunteer or leader in a  
2 number of organizations, including the Association of Latino  
3 Men for Action (now the Association of Latino/as Motivating  
4 Action, or ALMA), Orgullo en Acción, Equality Illinois, the  
5 Chicago Boys Troop, International Mr. Leather (IML), the  
6 Chicago Task Force on LGBT Substance Use and Abuse, the  
7 Chicago Crystal Meth Task Force, and Compassion Action; he  
8 worked on LGBTQ outreach to youth with the AIDS Foundation of  
9 Chicago and dedicated his time to street and event outreach  
10 for other HIV/AIDS service providers; he chaired Chicago's  
11 first Latinx LGBT Pride picnic in 2006; alongside Michael  
12 Oboza, he co-founded the Bisexual Queer Alliance Chicago in  
13 2010; and

14           WHEREAS, Ed Negrón received a number of awards and honors,  
15 including being inducted into the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame in  
16 2006, honored by The ManKind Project, and receiving  
17 recognition from the White House; and

18           WHEREAS, Ed Negrón was known for his kindness, his  
19 unbending determination, his fearlessness, and his joyous  
20 spirit; and

21           WHEREAS, Ed Negrón changed lives across Chicago through  
22 his leadership and his many kindnesses, by his courageousness  
23 in the face of adversity and his fierceness in opposing

1 injustice wherever he saw it, and by the powerful example of  
2 the life he chose to lead; and

3 WHEREAS, Ed Negron is survived by his mother, Osnaida  
4 Rodriguez; his siblings, Ivette Rodriguez-Aponte, Ricardo  
5 Negron, Leo Negron Rodriguez, Monica Rodriguez, Luis Irizarry,  
6 Moses Irizarry, Clarybell Negron Rodriguez, Heriberto Negron  
7 Irizarry, and Marisabell Negron Irizarry; his nieces and  
8 nephews, Adrian, Amanda, Ashley, Vanessa, Floryz, Yari,  
9 Yovani, Athena, and Nathan; and his many friends; therefore,  
10 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 Edward "Ed" Negron 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 Ed Negron as an expression of our  
18 deepest sympathy.