



HR0488

LRB102 20564 LAW 29432 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Charles  
4 Lee Wallace Sr. of Decatur, who passed away on September 21,  
5 2021; and

6           WHEREAS, Charles Wallace was born to Wellington Sr. and  
7 Ruby Wallace in Decatur on August 18, 1936; he served in the  
8 U.S. Marine Corps, joining in May 1954, where he received his  
9 general education diploma; he married Roberta Colleen Allen in  
10 Decatur on January 19, 1980; and

11           WHEREAS, Charles Wallace retired from Wagner's  
12 Castings/Intermet after 30 years; he continued doing custodial  
13 work at Central Christian Church for 13 years; he then worked  
14 for Baby Talk, where he drove the van for their many programs;  
15 lastly, he was a part of the maintenance team at McDonald's,  
16 where he worked until his passing; and

17           WHEREAS, Charles Wallace committed to his faith in the  
18 1980s and began working in the ministry; he was ordained and  
19 became a pastor with the Church of the Living God CWFF in  
20 Springfield in August 1993; he served in many ministry  
21 leadership positions over the next 20 years; he attended GT  
22 Church, where he enjoyed cooking breakfast, and Riverside

1 Baptist Church for the remainder of his life; and

2 WHEREAS, Charles Wallace served as president of the  
3 Shelbyville Horseshoe Club; he loved pitching horseshoes and  
4 won many awards; he belonged to Golden K Kiwanis, where he  
5 received many awards and served as the first Black president  
6 of the organization; he bought his own customized Santa suit  
7 and loved playing Santa for years; he repaired and rebuilt  
8 bikes to give to children; he enjoyed watching WWE with his son  
9 and grandchildren, watching cowboy movies, and fishing and  
10 giving away whatever he caught; he loved his wife and loved  
11 spending time with his children and grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Charles Wallace was preceded in death by his  
13 daughter, Lacie Marie Wallace; his parents; an infant sibling;  
14 his sister-in-law, Elsie Wallace; and his son-in-law, James  
15 Walker Sr.; and

16 WHEREAS, Charles Wallace is survived by his wife of 41  
17 years, Roberta "Robin" Wallace; his children, Victoria Walker,  
18 Gail (Don) Plunkett, Brenda (Steve) Fox, Charles (Theresa)  
19 Wallace Jr., Karen (Greg) Mond, Gregory Turner, Marty Turner,  
20 Charles (Jill) Mitchell, Christine Phillips, Jacob (Jennifer)  
21 Wallace, and Kirbie (Jimmie) Wallace; his 45 grandchildren;  
22 his many great-grandchildren; his brother, Wellington Wallace  
23 Jr.; his former spouse, Doris Wallace; his bonus son, Joe Ray;

1 his special buddy, Terry Bowers; and a host of other family and  
2 friends; therefore, be it

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

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Charles Wallace as an expression of  
10 our deepest sympathy.