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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 William Kelley, who passed away on November 26, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, William Kelley was born in Bolton, Mississippi to Charles Kelley and Mentha Martin on May 18, 1929, the youngest boy of seven children; and

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WHEREAS, William Kelley was a hard worker; he dedicated 33 years to Bell and Howell, working in their machine shop, and two and a half years to Sargent Welch, before retiring in 1990; and

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WHEREAS, William Kelley was dedicated to his family; after the passing of his first wife, Louise Kelley, he married Carolyn Kelley in 1984; and

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WHEREAS, William Kelley instilled in his children and grandchildren the importance of receiving an education, even though he did not have an opportunity to receive a quality education; as a result, his children and grandchildren are all college graduates with some holding post-graduate degrees; and

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WHEREAS, William Kelley was a resident, homeowner, and

1 landlord in the Lawndale Community in Chicago for over 50  
2 years; and

3 WHEREAS, William Kelley became very active in his  
4 neighborhood when he moved to Cermak and Kildare in 1961; he  
5 was a block club member and participated in CAPS neighborhood  
6 watch; he was well known in his neighborhood, and most of his  
7 neighbors referred to him as "Mr. Kelley"; and

8 WHEREAS, William Kelley honored his civic duty by never  
9 missing an opportunity to vote; and

10 WHEREAS, William Kelley will always be remembered for his  
11 vivacity, especially on the dance floor; he was the life of the  
12 party and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends;  
13 he had a gracious smile and a fun-loving personality and was  
14 dedicated to his family; he will be greatly missed by all who  
15 encountered his warmth and high spirit; and

16 WHEREAS, William Kelley was passionate about travel; he  
17 spent many summers traveling with his family across the  
18 country; when he was not traveling, you could find him  
19 preparing his garden or taking fishing trips with his son; and

20 WHEREAS, William Kelley was preceded in death by his  
21 mother, father, three brothers, and three sisters; and

1           WHEREAS, William Kelley is survived by his wife, Carolyn  
2 Kelley; his children, Mary, Charles, and Fanchon Kelley; his  
3 grandchildren, Belinda Burgess, Charles (Amy) Kelley Jr., and  
4 Korey (Tiffany) Kelley; his great-grandchildren, Taylor  
5 Porter, Antoine Harris Jr., Quentin Carey, and Avery Kelley;  
6 and numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, friends, and neighbors;  
7 therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we mourn the passing of William Kelley and extend our sincere  
11 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
12 him; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of William Kelley as an expression of  
15 our deepest sympathy.