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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 Alfred
4 James Hooks of Peoria, who passed away on January 18, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Alfred Hooks was born to Oscar C. and Eva Hooks in
6 Savannah, Georgia on February 19, 1947; he graduated from St.
7 Pius X High School; he earned his bachelor's degree in
8 Mechanical Engineering from Duke University in 1968; he
9 married Clara Johnson in Peoria on May 7, 1994; and

10 WHEREAS, Alfred Hooks worked at Caterpillar Inc. for 40
11 years, where he retired as marketing manager; he was a
12 diligent worker who exemplified professionalism; and

13 WHEREAS, Alfred Hooks was continually active in the
14 community; he was a member of the Peoria Opportunities
15 Foundation Board of Directors, the Police and Fire Commission,
16 the NAACP, Concerned African American Retirees (CAAR), the
17 National Brotherhood of Skiers, Peoria PAC, and the Dunlap
18 High School Mentoring Program; he was a former member of the
19 Peoria YMCA Board of Directors, the Quest Charter Academy
20 Board, and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
21 Board; he was inducted into the African American Hall of Fame
22 and awarded the Geraldine Mitchell Public Service Award for

1 dedicating countless hours of service to the Peoria area; and

2 WHEREAS, Alfred Hooks enjoyed playing racquetball,
3 reading, skiing, and flying planes; he obtained his pilot
4 license in 1993, and he especially enjoyed flying Clara over
5 where he was raised in Savannah, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Alfred Hooks was a man of excellence, character,
7 and integrity who loved his wife, children, and grandchildren;
8 his legacy will live on through those he mentored, and
9 inspired; and

10 WHEREAS, Alfred Hooks was preceded in death by his
11 parents; his brother, Oscar C. Hooks Jr.; and his sister, Pam
12 Hooks Steverson; and

13 WHEREAS, Alfred Hooks is survived by his wife of 28 years,
14 Clara; his daughter, Lori (Malcolm) Cawthorne; his son,
15 Malcolm (Andrea) Hooks; his stepdaughters, Tiphanie Morris and
16 Nakita Morris; his stepson, Levar (Julia) Morris; his sisters,
17 Alma (Merrill) Russ and Janis (James) Hornsby; his
18 grandchildren, Mariah, Nia, Kellian, Mason, Kelis, Jordon,
19 Tyson, Parker, and Madison; and his great-granddaughter, Ryan;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we mourn the passing of Alfred James Hooks and extend our
3 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
4 and loved him; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Alfred Hooks as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.