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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 Robert  
4 "Bob" Ontiveros, who passed away on February 8, 2022; and

5           WHEREAS, Bob Ontiveros was born to John and Josephine  
6 Ontiveros on August 17, 1938 and was raised with his siblings  
7 in Moline; he attended Moline High School where he competed in  
8 wrestling, track and field, and basketball; after high school,  
9 he attended the University of Cincinnati and Moline Community  
10 College; he married Blenda Crummer in 1960, and the couple had  
11 two children, Christopher and Gregg; and

12           WHEREAS, Bob and Blenda Ontiveros founded Bi-State  
13 Packaging, now known as the Group O, in 1974; Group O has grown  
14 from a small family business to one of the largest and  
15 top-ranking Hispanic-owned businesses in the United States  
16 with over \$500 million and 1,000 employees; and

17           WHEREAS, Bob Ontiveros was known for being an active  
18 member and supporter of his community and a man with  
19 integrity, an entrepreneurial spirit, and a values-based  
20 outlook; he was a believer in the power of higher education who  
21 established scholarships that supported several Quad Cities  
22 Hispanic students attending college each year, and he donated

1 to several area post-secondary institutions; he was a great  
2 supporter of the local community who donated to the Boys and  
3 Girls Club, founded the Greater Quad Cities Chamber of  
4 Commerce, and funded construction of the Community Health  
5 Clinic to provide low-cost medical care; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob Ontiveros was highly recognized for his  
7 business and humanitarian efforts and earned several  
8 prestigious awards; he was inducted into several halls of  
9 fame, including the Minority Business Hall of Fame, the Black  
10 Hawk College Hall of Fame, and the Junior Achievement of the  
11 Heartland Business Hall of Fame; he was also a member of the  
12 Jeremiah Milbank Society and a recipient of an honorary  
13 doctorate from Augustana College; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Ontiveros was preceded in death by his  
15 parents and his siblings, Maria Elena, Lawrence, Rita, and  
16 Steven; and

17 WHEREAS, Bob Ontiveros is survived by his wife, Blenda;  
18 his sons, Christopher (Pamela) and Gregg; his siblings, John  
19 (Laura), Frank (Lorna), Christine (Jeff) Reem, Joanne (Ray)  
20 Bender, Michael, and Cindy (Dave) Newton; and his  
21 grandchildren, Emma, Stella, and Anna Catherine; therefore, be  
22 it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we mourn the passing of Robert "Bob" Ontiveros and extend our  
4 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
5 and loved him; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Bob Ontiveros as an expression of  
8 our deepest sympathy.