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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 Larry R. Rogers Sr.; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Rogers was a native of Chicago; he graduated from St. Xavier College and DePaul University College of Law; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Rogers had a prolific career as one of the top litigators in Chicago, dedicating more than 37 years to representing victims in personal injury, malpractice, aviation accident, wrongful death, and motor vehicle negligence cases; he obtained numerous multimillion-dollar verdicts and recoveries for his clients in a multitude of cases, including a then-record-breaking \$27 million product liability verdict for his client, which in 1985 was the largest personal injury verdict in Illinois history, and a \$55 million verdict for a client, which was the largest medical malpractice verdict that went to judgment in Illinois history in 2000; he became one of the founding partners of Power Rogers, LLP in 2001, where he continued to successfully serve and represent his clients; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Rogers was elected president of both the Cook County Bar Association and the Illinois Trial Lawyers

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1 Association, where he was the first African American
2 president; he served as a member of the Advisory Board for
3 Leading Lawyers Network; he was also a member of the Chicago
4 Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the
5 American Bar Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Larry Rogers received numerous honors over the
7 years, including the Distinguished Alumni Award from St.
8 Xavier University and the Alumni Award for Outstanding Service
9 to the Legal Profession from DePaul University College of Law,
10 and his alma maters additionally awarded him honorary
11 doctorate degrees; he was listed in The Best Lawyers in
12 America every year since 2001; he was named a fellow of the
13 International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the International
14 Society of Barristers, and the American College of Trial
15 Lawyers; he was named one of the 2019 Best Lawyers and Lawyer
16 of the Year for Personal Injury Litigation in Chicago in 2016
17 and 2019; he named as one of the top trial lawyers by
18 Lawdragon, a group that annually selects the top 500 trial
19 lawyers in the country; he was also nominated by his peers as a
20 leading lawyer in personal injury law for the Leading Lawyer
21 Network; and

22 WHEREAS, Larry Rogers was a wonderful father, grandfather,
23 friend, mentor, and human being; he will be remembered for
24 being a trailblazer in the law and in life; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we mourn the passing of Larry R. Rogers Sr. 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 Larry Rogers as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.