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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 Kenyetta
4 Javon "Ken" Barlow Sr., who passed away on March 5, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Ken Barlow was born in Melrose Park to Richard
6 and Patricia Barlow on August 31, 1977; he grew up in Bellwood
7 and attended St. Domitilla Grammar School; he had a special
8 love for football that began at the age of two, and he started
9 playing for the Memorial Park Spartans at the age of seven; he
10 received football scholarships to St. Joseph High School and
11 Southern Illinois University Carbondale; and

12 WHEREAS, Ken Barlow had a passion for motorcycles, old
13 school cars, and trucks; he decided to pursue his childhood
14 dream of becoming a truck driver; he received his CDL from the
15 JB Hunt Truck Driving School and opened KB Trucking and K3R
16 Trucking; he also partnered in several businesses, including
17 Big Shot Vape and Tobacco in Hillside; and

18 WHEREAS, Ken Barlow's love for football continued
19 throughout his life; he served as a coach for the Memorial Park
20 Spartans and the Hillside Hurricanes and was most proud of
21 being able to coach all three of his sons; and

1 WHEREAS, Ken Barlow lived his life unapologetically and
2 never met a stranger; he had a smile that would light up a room
3 and was generally the life of the party; he was loving,
4 devoted, and strong, and he was a traveler and a protector; he
5 was very intelligent and was affectionately know as "The Great
6 Debater"; and

7 WHEREAS, Ken Barlow had a genuine love for his family and
8 friends; he had an unwavering connection with his parents and
9 was a wonderful father; and

10 WHEREAS, Ken Barlow was baptized at St. Simeon Catholic
11 Church and later became a member of Monroe Baptist Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Ken Barlow was preceded in death by his father,
13 Richard Barlow; his grandmothers, Carlee Jones and Margaret
14 Barlow; his grandfathers, Roosevelt Jones and Cologne Barlow;
15 his aunt and godmother, Cercelia Jones; his aunt, Delores
16 Liggins; his uncles, Larry Barlow, Larry Jones, Lionel Jones,
17 Larry Pennington, LC Barlow, and CL Barlow; his great-aunts,
18 Nancy Payne and Eliza Strickland; his great-uncle, William
19 "Bill" Payne; his cousins, Rashawn Jones, Michael Moore, and
20 Quinton Moore; his godfather, William Davis; and his
21 godbrother, John Belcher; and

22 WHEREAS, Ken Barlow is survived by his mother, Patricia

1 Barlow; his sister, LaVenta Barlow; his sons, Gabriel,
2 Kenyetta Jr., and Kenyetta III "Tre"; his bonus children,
3 Aagiyah, Bernard "BJ", Malik, Alarie, Amiya, and Kai; his
4 special nephew, Johnntrell Jones; his uncle, Roosevelt (Felita)
5 Jones; his aunts, Mary Barlow, Cherie Pennington, Debra Jones,
6 and Joyce Moore; his great-aunt, Spicie Belk; his
7 cousin/sister, Rhonda Horton; his special cousins, Sabrian
8 "Boo" Sledge, Tilisha "TeTe" Harrison, and Essie Searcy; his
9 lifelong friends, Donald Davis, George Williams, Eric Reeves,
10 and Jesse Spears; and numerous cousins, other relatives, and
11 friends; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we mourn the passing of Kenyetta Javon "Ken" Barlow Sr. and
15 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
16 who knew and loved him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Ken Barlow as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.