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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Riley Franklin Bridgers; and

WHEREAS, Riley Franklin Bridgers was born to the union of Ophelia Franklin Bridgers and Hardy Bridgers on December 6, 1937, in Chicago; he was the second of four children; he graduated from the John Farren Elementary and Parker High Schools, and enjoyed playing football at Parker; he accepted Christ at a young age; he spent many years as a boy scout at the old St. Mark Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Illinois at Champaign in Physical Education; he joined the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Beta Chapter; this lifelong commitment continued with the Chicago Heights Chapter and then with the Chicago Chapter; after graduation, he worked for the Illinois Department of Public Aid for a couple of years; he was then employed by the Chicago Public School System as a teacher; he returned to school and earned a Masters Degree in Social Studies and Political Science at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, and an Administrative Certificate from Chicago State University; and

WHEREAS, He worked at a number of elementary schools for 38 years before retiring from the Wendell Smith Elementary School in 2001; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Riley Franklin Bridgers will be deeply felt by many, especially his brother, Maurice (Alma); his sisters, Ruth Bridgers and Ophelia Pirtle; his favorite niece, Shalanna Pirtle; his special cousins, Lee Wade, Emma McClennon, Emmitt J. Wade (Angie), and E. James Wade (Crystal); and many other cousins and friends; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 mourn the death of Riley Franklin Bridgers along with all who
4 knew and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his
5 family and friends; and be it further

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