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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 former  
4 Chicago 6th Ward precinct captain Leonard Owens Sr., who passed  
5 away on February 5, 2008; and

6           WHEREAS, Leonard Owens Sr. was well known for his  
7 self-determination and ability to overcome many obstacles  
8 presented to him throughout his life; he became Chicago's 6th  
9 Ward precinct captain at the age of 81, where he campaigned and  
10 helped to elect two very prominent figures in politics that  
11 would positively affect the 6th Ward community for years to  
12 come; and

13           WHEREAS, Leonard Owens Sr. was born in Bovina, Mississippi;  
14 after moving from Mississippi to Chicago in 1941, he enlisted  
15 in the United States Army, where he served in France during  
16 World War II as a medic; he was honorably discharged from the  
17 Army in 1946; after his discharge, he went to work for the  
18 Continental Can Company as a supervisor to oversee the assembly  
19 line; and

20           WHEREAS, Leonard Owens Sr. was well known as a soft-spoken  
21 and quiet person; after falling ill in 2001 and enduring four  
22 brain surgeries at the age of 86, he remained a dedicated

1 constituent, continuing to campaign and pass out literature to  
2 his community in order to keep people informed of the  
3 happenings in the community and so that he, along with many  
4 others, could be responsible for making positive changes in the  
5 community; and

6 WHEREAS, Leonard Owens Sr. is survived by his children,  
7 Leonard Owens Jr. and Sandra Deanes; his sister, Ollie Bennett;  
8 his five grandchildren; and his four great-grandchildren; he  
9 was preceded in death by his wife, Tommie Owens; his brothers,  
10 Rick and James; and his sisters, Gladys and Grace; therefore,  
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of former  
15 constituent Leonard Owens Sr.; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Leonard Owens Sr. as an expression  
18 of our sincere sympathy.