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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 Willis Terry of Chicago, who passed away on October 13, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Willis Terry was born on April 21, 1961 in Chicago; his parents were Willie D. and Queen Esther Terry; and

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WHEREAS, Willis Terry confessed a hope in Christ at an early age; he was baptized at Unity Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the Late Reverend E.J. Jones; at the time of his passing, he was united with the New Bereans Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Craig Lee; and

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WHEREAS, Willis Terry attended Providence St. Mel High School and later received his GED; his academic pursuits led him to Marion Business College, where he pursued a degree in accounting; and

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WHEREAS, After facing many challenges and obstacles on September 11, Willis Terry made a life-changing decision to embrace a lifestyle of recovery, where he developed a fine reputation as an active member of the recovery community; and

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1           WHEREAS, Willis Terry met the love of his life and his best  
2 friend, Samantha Brant, on August 18, 1993; the two united in  
3 holy matrimony on October 19, 1996; and

4           WHEREAS, Willis Terry was employed as a supervisor at  
5 Med-Star, where his personable demeanor and leadership skills  
6 endeared him to his employees and customers alike; and

7           WHEREAS, Willis Terry was preceded in death by his parents;  
8 his aunt, Essie Kelly; and his sister, Michelle Terry; and

9           WHEREAS, Willis Terry is survived by his loving wife of 11  
10 years, Samantha; his children, Julie Queen Esther Munson,  
11 Sindreatha Terry, Shontelle Tucker, Willis Terry Jr., and  
12 Carter Tucker; his brothers, his twin Willie (Annette), William  
13 (Marion), Rayford, and Charles; his sisters, Farenceer and  
14 Beverly (Tony); his mother-in-law, Deloris Shelton; his  
15 sister-in-law, April Ivery; his brother-in-law, Larry Brant;  
16 his god-brother, Aaron Washington; his 5 grandchildren; and his  
17 many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

18           WHEREAS, Willis Terry will be remembered by all who knew  
19 and loved him as a charming and passionate person who never  
20 gave up in the face of adversity; therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
2 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Willis  
3 Terry; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Willis Terry as an expression of our  
6 sympathy.