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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the family of R.  
4 Eugene Pincham on the occasion of Mr. Pincham's posthumous  
5 nomination for the Laurel Wreath Award from the Kappa Alpha Psi  
6 Fraternity; and

7           WHEREAS, R. Eugene Pincham was born on June 28, 1925 in  
8 Chicago; he graduated from Trinity High School in Athens,  
9 Georgia in December of 1941; he attended LeMoyne College in  
10 Memphis, Tennessee from 1942 to 1943; he earned his bachelor's  
11 degree in political science from Tennessee State University in  
12 1947 and his Juris Doctor degree from the Northwestern  
13 University School in Law in 1951; and

14           WHEREAS, R. Eugene Pincham had a long and distinguished  
15 career in law; he was admitted to the Illinois Bar on June 18,  
16 1951 and the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in  
17 1965; he worked in private practice with the firm of Evins,  
18 Pincham, Fowlkes & Cooper from 1954 to 1976; he was also a  
19 trial and appeals attorney in the State and federal courts from  
20 1951 until December 6, 1976, arguing over 200 cases before the  
21 appellate and Supreme Courts of Illinois, the U.S. Courts of  
22 Appeals for the 6th, 7th, and 8th Circuits, and the U.S.  
23 Supreme Court; and

1           WHEREAS, From December 6, 1976 to June of 1984, R. Eugene  
2 Pincham served as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County,  
3 where he was assigned to the Criminal Division; from June of  
4 1984 to December of 1996, he served as a Justice with the 1st  
5 District Appellate Court of Illinois in Chicago; from 1970 to  
6 2008, he served as a lecturer-instructor in trial and appellate  
7 techniques and advocacy in numerous university, including the  
8 Harvard University School of Law, the Cornell University School  
9 of Law, and the Northwestern University School of Law, among  
10 many others; and

11           WHEREAS, R. Eugene Pincham was the recipient of numerous  
12 awards and accolades for his work in the community, including  
13 the Northwestern University Alumni Association Award of Merit,  
14 the Tennessee State University Outstanding Alumnus Award, the  
15 Chicago Bar Association Certificate of Appreciation, the Cook  
16 County, Illinois Bar Association's Richard A. Westbrook Award  
17 for Outstanding Contributions to the Legal Profession, the  
18 Human Resources Development Institute's Merit Award, the Kappa  
19 Alpha Psi Fraternity Achievement Award and Certificate, the  
20 National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executive's  
21 Appreciation Award, the BALSAs of John Marshall Law School  
22 Outstanding Jurist Award, the Percy Julian High School Award of  
23 Appreciation, the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee of  
24 the ACLU Certificate of Service, the National College of

1 Criminal Defense Lawyers and Public Defenders Certificate of  
2 Merit, the Minority Alliance Group Award for Outstanding  
3 Achievement, the Tennessee State University Golden Anniversary  
4 Citation Award of Merit, the John Marshall Harlan High School  
5 Father of the Year Award, the United Black Laborers Community  
6 Organization Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement, the  
7 United Front of Cairo, Illinois Certificate of Achievement, and  
8 the John Marshall Harlan High School Student Council Community  
9 Award for Outstanding Service; and

10 WHEREAS, R. Eugene Pincham was a member of numerous  
11 organizations, including the NAACP, the ACLU, the Kappa Alpha  
12 Psi Fraternity, the Trinity United Church of Christ, the Law  
13 Club of Chicago, the Executive Club of Chicago, the Board of  
14 Directors of the John Henry Wigmore Club at Northwestern  
15 University, the State of Illinois Dangerous Drugs Commission,  
16 the Cook County Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association,  
17 the American Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the  
18 Chicago Council of Lawyers, and the Association of Defense  
19 Lawyers; he was a Past President of the John Marshall Harlan  
20 High School Community Organization and a member of the  
21 Judicature Society; he was also a former Trustee of the  
22 Howalton Day School and the Morgan Park Academy; and

23 WHEREAS, R. Eugene Pincham married his college sweetheart,  
24 Alzata Cudalla Henry, on August 31, 1948 in Louisville,

1 Tennessee; together, they had three children, Robert Eugene  
2 Pincham, Jr., Andrea Michelle Pincham, and James Frederick  
3 Pincham; and

4 WHEREAS, R. Eugene Pincham will be long remembered in the  
5 legal profession and among his family and friends for his quick  
6 mind, down-to-earth demeanor, astute knowledge of the law, and  
7 gifted oratory skills; his legacy will live on in the  
8 courtrooms of America and in the hearts of the many judges and  
9 lawyers who knew him; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 congratulate the family of R. Eugene Pincham on the occasion of  
13 Mr. Pincham's posthumous nomination for the Laurel Wreath Award  
14 from the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and honor the memory of  
15 this great man; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of R. Eugene Pincham as a symbol of our  
18 esteem and respect.