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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 Elonzo W.  
4 "Lonnie" Hill of Country Club Hills, who passed away on  
5 February 18, 2009; and

6           WHEREAS, Elonzo Hill grew up in Bronzeville and graduated  
7 from Tilden High School; his father was a plumber and Mr. Hill  
8 worked by his side from a young age, climbing into boilers to  
9 scrub them out; and

10           WHEREAS, Elonzo Hill began driving buses in 1961, staying  
11 behind the wheel for eight years; he then worked his way up  
12 through supervisory positions; during his tenure as training  
13 center superintendent, the CTA set record-low crash rates; and

14           WHEREAS, From 1986 to 1998, Elonzo Hill served on the CTA's  
15 Retirement Allowance Committee, serving six years as chairman  
16 and overseeing \$2 billion in pension funds; and

17           WHEREAS, Elonzo Hill served as executive vice president of  
18 service delivery from 1991 to 1997, when he retired; as  
19 executive vice president, he played key roles in the  
20 reconstruction of the Green Line and the opening of the Orange  
21 Line to Midway Airport; and

1           WHEREAS, Elonzo Hill was named to the Metra board in 2003  
2 by suburban Cook County Board members and was reappointed last  
3 year by Cook County Board President Todd Stroger; he was  
4 elected vice chairman of Metra in 2006 and 2008; and

5           WHEREAS, Elonzo Hill was on several committees with the  
6 American Public Transportation Association and, in the late  
7 1980s, chaired the International Bus Roadeo committee; and

8           WHEREAS, Elonzo Hill also is survived by his third wife,  
9 Barbara; his daughters, Constance, Pamela Lee, Joanne Hayden,  
10 Patricia Jackson, Maria Hill, and Helena Hill; his stepsons,  
11 Carl and Michael Hampton; his brother, Edwin; his sisters,  
12 Lavonne Campbell and Cynthia Hill; and his eight grandchildren  
13 and one great-grandchild; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Elonzo  
17 W. "Lonnie" Hill; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Elonzo Hill as an expression of our  
20 sympathy.