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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  
4 Washington Dunbar Burney; and

5           WHEREAS, Washington Dunbar Burney was born on April 14,  
6 1916; his parents were John Calvin Burney and Elvina Moody  
7 Burney of Eastman, Georgia; and

8           WHEREAS, Washington Dunbar Burney was a dedicated member of  
9 the Trustee Board and Men's Fellowship at Park Manor United  
10 Church of Christ for almost 50 years; he and family were well  
11 known for never missing church; and

12           WHEREAS, Washington Dunbar Burney was a community leader  
13 from the beginning of his life; he was the first black member  
14 of Teamsters Union Local 744 in 1938 and the first black driver  
15 salesman for Budweiser in 1951; he served as president and  
16 co-founder of the Chatham Avalon Park Community Council for  
17 many years, helping Chatham to become a community of  
18 excellence; he was involved in numerous elections; he also  
19 pioneered the breakdown of racial barriers in area golf  
20 courses; and

21           WHEREAS, Washington Dunbar Burney enjoyed and excelled in

1 the sport of golf; and

2 WHEREAS, Washington Dunbar Burney was the loving and  
3 devoted husband of Lillie Rose; he was also married to Vivian  
4 McEwen Jones for over 40 years; the brother of Flossie,  
5 Rosella, and Trelle; the father of Diedre-Rkhty Jones (Wayne),  
6 Marcia Aldington (Thomas), and Washington Dunbar Burney Jr. and  
7 father figure of Wanda Reason (David); the loving grandfather  
8 of Marcia-Amunet Wimby, Yoko Wimby, Stacy Carter (Winston),  
9 Kyle Arrington, Khami-Ra Jones, Jennifer Avery and Anthony  
10 (Tony) Gant; and the great-grandfather of Neferteri Amun,  
11 Nunera Amun, Jordan Wimby, Sydney Arlington, Autumn Gant, and  
12 Anthony Gant Jr.; and

13 WHEREAS, Washington Dunbar Burney will be remembered  
14 fondly by all who knew and loved him for his warm personality,  
15 easy-going smile, and great charisma; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of  
19 Washington Dunbar Burney; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Washington Dunbar Burney as an  
22 expression of our sympathy.