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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Patrick 4 Bouvair Owens of Chicago, who passed away on August 18, 2015; 5 and

WHEREAS, Patrick Owens was born in Chicago on July 15, 1964 to Georgia Mae Dawkins; he attended Jenner Grammar School, where he played the tenor saxophone and community basketball, and graduated from Wells High School; he attended Northeastern Illinois University, where he was a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and remained active in the Phi Sigma Alumni Chapter all his life; he married Keteena on August 25, 1990; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Owens had many career opportunities, including working for Pitney Bowes, Affirmative Insurance, and the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Owens was a member of Chicago Fellowship of Friends Church when he was young and of Greater New St. James Baptist Church for 20 years later in life, where he served as Chairman of the deacon board and sang in the men's choir; most recently, he was a member of Lifeline Church in Cicero; he and his wife founded Divine Connection Christian

- 1 Ministry; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Patrick Owens enjoyed vacationing with his
- 3 family, frequenting Walt Disney World and Wisconsin Dells; he
- 4 also enjoyed maintaining family traditions such as
- 5 Thanksqiving dinner, Christmas Day brunch, baking his "famous"
- 6 caramel cakes, and hosting the "Patnic"; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Patrick Owens was preceded in death by his mother;
- 8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, Patrick Owens is survived by his wife, Keteena;
- 10 his children, Bouvair and Trinity; his 5 brothers, Michael
- 11 Owens (Sharon), Eugene Owens (Sheltanya), Aaron Owens, Chris
- Owens (Rose), and John Dawkins; his granddaughter, Mya; his
- 13 mother-in-law, Hattie "Ms. G" Johnson; his sister-in-law,
- 14 Kentavia; his niece, Zharia; and a host of nieces, nephews,
- 15 Godchildren, family, fiends, and the Brothers of Phi Beta
- 16 Sigma; therefore, be it
- 17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 19 mourn the passing of Patrick Bouvair Owens, and extend our
- 20 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
- 21 and loved him; and be it further

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- 1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 2 presented to the family of Patrick Owens as an expression of
- 3 our deepest sympathy.