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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 John
4 Henry Samuel Wallace, who passed away on June 16, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, John Wallace was born on July 19, 1925; and

6 WHEREAS, John Wallace served his country honorably and
7 proudly as a World War II Naval veteran; he served his God
8 morally and nobly as an ordained elder in the African Methodist
9 Episcopal Church; and

10 WHEREAS, John Wallace graduated from Chicago State
11 University with a master's degree in special education; he was
12 a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and was a
13 chartering member of two campus chapters; and

14 WHEREAS, John Wallace taught at Malcolm X College where he
15 also served as a Dean; he went on to become Executive Director
16 of the Institute for the Study of Educational Policy at Howard
17 University in Washington D.C.; and

18 WHEREAS, In the 1970s and 1980s, John Wallace took action
19 against the predominately white New Trier High School in
20 Winnetka after his son was forced to read Mark Twain's

1 Huckleberry Finn aloud in class; recognizing the novel as
2 racially intolerant, he took up this issue and appeared on
3 Nightline with Ted Koppel and had numerous articles printed by
4 the Washington Post; he went on to rewrite the novel, replacing
5 the "N" word with "slave"; and

6 WHEREAS, John Wallace was preceded in death by his
7 siblings, Jo Anne and James, and his sons, Johnny and Mark
8 (Mary) Wallace; and

9 WHEREAS, John Wallace is survived by his wife of 62 years,
10 Joan; his sons, Eric (Jennifer) and Victor (Karen); his
11 grandchildren, Eric, Gregory, and Jahanah; his
12 great-grand-daughter, Ja'Mayah; and his siblings, Mary
13 Livingston and Peter (Katsuko); therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of
17 John Henry Samuel Wallace; and be it further

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