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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 Samuel  
4 Frye Burrell, who passed away on September 28, 2016; and

5           WHEREAS, Samuel Burrell was born in Panola, Alabama to  
6 Willie and Eva Mae Burrell on September 18, 1938; he graduated  
7 from North Sumter High School in 1957 and joined the United  
8 States Army; he completed Army Warfare training at Fort  
9 Benning, Georgia and Army Medical School at Brooke Army Medical  
10 Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; he served as an Army  
11 paramedic; and

12           WHEREAS, Samuel Burrell left the Army in 1960 and relocated  
13 to Chicago, where he worked as a Chicago Transit Authority bus  
14 operator; and

15           WHEREAS, Samuel Burrell attended DeVry University from  
16 1967 to 1969 to study electrical engineering; he left and went  
17 to work for North American Phillips as an Electronic  
18 Technician; in 1974, he took a position with the General Motors  
19 Electromotive Division and resumed his studies at DeVry  
20 University from 1975 to 1977; he was certified as a Master  
21 Mechanic, Electrician, and Locomotive Engineer; and

1           WHEREAS, Samuel Burrell left General Motors in 1984, and  
2           joined Mayor Harold Washington's reform administration; he  
3           continued his education at Roosevelt University from 1987 to  
4           1988, majoring in finance; he left the City of Chicago in 2002  
5           and established Fuller-Burrell Electric, an electrical  
6           contracting company; and

7           WHEREAS, Samuel Burrell was a member of the Pan African  
8           Students Organization, the Black Panther Party, the NAACP, and  
9           the independent political movement on the west side of Chicago;  
10          he was elected to the Chicago City Council in 1990, where he  
11          served as Alderman of the 29th ward until 1999; he founded the  
12          United Voter Registration League which registered more than  
13          50,000 voters for the 1992 presidential election; he was proud  
14          to be called a "freedom fighter" by the president of the local  
15          chapter of the NAACP; and

16          WHEREAS, Samuel Burrell was preceded in death by his  
17          parents; his brothers, James and Jesse Burrell; and his  
18          children, Ruwa, Linda, and Mark Burrell; and

19          WHEREAS, Samuel Burrell is survived by his wife of 50  
20          years, Rosie L. (Key); his daughters, Cheronne Michelle Mayes,  
21          Joye Burrell(John) Beamon, and Miesha Samantha (Gary) Turner;  
22          his sons, William F. Little Esq., Edward E. Burrell, and Sam  
23          (Erica) Burrell II; his brothers, Willie (Dorothy), Bill

1 (Ellen), Charles (Barbara), and Lawrence; his sisters, Mattie  
2 and Gail (Timothy); many grandchildren, great-grandchildren,  
3 nieces, nephews, and other relatives; and a host of friends;  
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 mourn the passing of Samuel Burrell, and extend our sincere  
8 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
9 him; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Samuel Burrell as an expression of  
12 our deepest sympathy.