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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Shuntel Rapheal "Shun" "Best Kept" Williams, who passed away on April 1, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Shun Williams was born to Felicia Elise McClain and Larry (Doby) Williams in Peoria on November 20, 1982; he committed to his faith at an early age and attended Faith Missionary Full Gospel Church; he was engaged to Sharece Marie Yearian, his partner of 10 years, and they raised two children together, Champion Emory-Maddox Williams and De'Kijia Vonece; and

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WHEREAS, Shun Williams was a dedicated employee at Little Caesars Pizza, a position that allowed him to pursue his passions; and

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WHEREAS, Shun Williams was deeply passionate about music and was a talented musician and rapper; he collaborated and recorded with numerous talented artists, including his lifelong best friend, Greg Flowers, known as Passport Louis; Some of his career highlights include recording at Grand Hustle Studios, also known as T.I. Studios, in Atlanta, Georgia and recording with King Louis; his classic album

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1 Lisa's Youngest Boy garnered widespread acclaim and headlined
2 at the South by Southwest "SXSW" festival in Austin, Texas; he
3 also performed at the Michigan Music Festival and the Peoria
4 Riverfront Festival; he was known for his collaborations and
5 tours with underground artists, including King Louie, Mickey
6 Factz, the Founder of Pendulum Inc., and No Fatigue; he had
7 recently released one of his first solo songs and was a
8 finalist in the Royalty of the Mic event in 2023; and

9 WHEREAS, Shun Williams enjoyed traveling with his family
10 and acting as their personal comedian; his love for his family
11 knew no bounds; and

12 WHEREAS, Shun Williams was a force of nature, pouring his
13 heart and soul into his music and everything he did; he will be
14 remembered for his infectious smile, laugh, and music; and

15 WHEREAS, Shun Williams was preceded in death by his
16 father; his brother, Shadrone McClain; his aunt, Earnestine
17 Williams; and his grandparents, Ernest McClain, Nellie Corrine
18 McClain, Excenia Woods Cannon, and Willie Williams; and

19 WHEREAS, Shun Williams is survived by his children,
20 Jayshun Sincere, Janya Anarie Angie, Jaliyah Elise Brenaisa,
21 and Justice Tahiry; his mother; his sisters, Tiffany Williams
22 and Angela Williams; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins,

1 including Christian Jon Evans and Timothy Jonathon Hagan;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we mourn the passing of Shuntel Rapheal "Shun" "Best Kept"
6 Williams and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
7 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Shun Williams as an expression of
10 our deepest sympathy.