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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 Nehemiah Lavon "Miah" Nickels of Peoria, who passed away on August 9, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Nehemiah Nickels was born to Albert J. Nickels and Almelia (Pendleton) Nickels in Peoria on August 6, 1973; he attended Illinois Central College; he completed a five-year apprenticeship with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA); he received an electrician journeyman wireman certificate; he married Cherryse L. Richard in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Nehemiah Nickels was a member of IBEW Local 34, and he most recently worked as an electrician for Oberlander Electric Company in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Nehemiah Nickels committed to his faith at an early age and was a member of St. Paul Baptist Church; and

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WHEREAS, Nehemiah Nickels loved sports; he was a fan of the Chicago Bears, bowled in The National Bowling Association (TNBA) leagues, and enjoyed coaching his youngest children's

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1 basketball teams and his grandsons' football teams; and

2 WHEREAS, Nehemiah Nickels will be remembered for his  
3 contagious laughter, his playfulness, his generosity, and his  
4 selflessness; and

5 WHEREAS, Nehemiah Nickels was preceded in death by his  
6 father; his grandparents; his niece, Christian Nickels; and  
7 his father-in-law, Earl L. Richard; and

8 WHEREAS, Nehemiah Nickels is survived by his wife; his  
9 mother; his children, KeAna, Maiya, Anajeon, Amorah, and Noah;  
10 his grandchildren, Khiden, Anthony (Bennie), and Anajeon Jr.;  
11 his siblings, Chris (Sonja) and William (Clorissa); his  
12 honorary siblings, Reggie Brown and Melisande (Mel) Brown  
13 Peterson; his godmother, Verdie Finney; his godsister, Vonnie  
14 Adell; his in-laws; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins,  
15 and friends; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we mourn the passing of Nehemiah Lavon "Miah" Nickels and  
19 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all  
20 who knew and loved him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Nehemiah Nickels as an expression  
2 of our deepest sympathy.