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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 Wesley L. "Wes" Barr Jr. of Springfield, who passed away on October 1, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Wes Barr was born on May 16, 1963; he lived in the former John Hay Homes housing project on the East Side of Springfield until he was 13; then, he worked at McDonald's and graduated from Southeast High School; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Wes Barr joined the United States Marines and then served as a correctional officer at the Sangamon County Jail and as a police officer in the communities of Loami, Illiopolis, and Chatham; he joined the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office in 1991; he was elected as a trustee for Prairie Creek Township in 2009 and 2013; he served as Sangamon County Sheriff from 2014 until 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Wes Barr and his wife, Sherry, served with several charitable and community organizations, including Contact Ministries, the Illinois Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, the United Cerebral Palsy Fund, and the Springfield Park District Foundation Board; in 2007, he was named First Citizen by The State Journal Register

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1 partially because of his work with Toys for Tots, which  
2 collected 14,000 toys in 2006 under his local leadership; and

3 WHEREAS, Wes Barr is survived by his wife of 24 years,  
4 Sherry Coons; his father, Wesley L. Barr Sr.; his sisters,  
5 Betty (Hip) Phu and Robin (Wymond) Stubbs; his brothers,  
6 Michael and Joe Barr; and several aunts, uncles, nieces,  
7 nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we mourn the passing of Wesley L. "Wes" Barr Jr. and extend our  
11 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
12 and loved him; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Wes Barr as an expression of our  
15 deepest sympathy.