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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 Marvin "Preach" Webb, who passed away on June 8, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Webb was born to John and Lillie (Baldwin) Webb in Edwardsville on January 12, 1936; he was born into a world of segregation, attending local schools before they were integrated; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Webb, despite his early experiences as a Black man, chose to embrace his community instead of becoming hardened towards it, sharing his compassion, patriotism, and love with everyone, unofficially serving as the goodwill ambassador of Edwardsville; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Webb was known for his daily walks through Edwardsville, often checking in with the various business owners and community officials along his way; he took his daily walks for decades, allowing him to meet and care for generations of Edwardsville citizens; and

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WHEREAS, Through these walks, Marvin Webb developed a reputation within the community as someone who possessed great honesty, integrity, and empathy while always being polite,

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1 patient, and gracious; over the years, he began helping around
2 his favorite stops, including cleaning up a lobby at the
3 Clerk's Office and running important errands for shop owners
4 too busy to leave their stores, such as taking deposits to the
5 bank; and

6 WHEREAS, Marvin Webb was also truly invested in the people
7 of his community, taking the opportunity on his walks around
8 town to check in on others, to offer sympathies to those
9 grieving recent losses of loved ones and share funeral
10 arrangements with others, to respectfully correct misbehaving
11 children at the local movie theater, to hand out church books
12 on Sunday, and to attend many Edwardsville Tiger events at
13 Edwardsville High School; and

14 WHEREAS, Marvin Webb was preceded in death by his parents
15 and his siblings, Curtis Webb and Julia McKinney; and

16 WHEREAS, Marvin Webb is survived by his brothers, L.D.
17 Bradford and James (Cynthia) Webb; his sisters, Lavon Lagrown,
18 Lillie (Fred) Willis, Pearlie Talbert, Maggie Smith, and
19 Mattie Smith; and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be
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21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn the passing of Marvin "Preach" Webb and extend our
2 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
3 and loved him; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Marvin Webb as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.