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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 Robert
4 W. "Bob" Vose of Springfield, who passed away on February 20,
5 2023; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob Vose was born to John and Hedwig (Krebs) Vose
7 in Springfield on January 19, 1929; he attended Sacred Heart
8 Grade School and Lanphier High School; he served in the U.S.
9 Army; he married Virginia Vetter at Saints Peter & Paul Church
10 in Springfield on May 2, 1953; and

11 WHEREAS, Bob Vose worked for the Illinois Ice Company,
12 delivering ice for many years before becoming a City Water,
13 Light, and Power meter reader, and later a stationary engineer
14 for the State of Illinois; and

15 WHEREAS, Bob Vose was well known as "The Korndog King"; he
16 and his brothers initially started selling Vose Corn Dogs at
17 the Illinois State Fair in 1966; he and his wife, Virginia,
18 continued Vose Fine Food for over 50 years; visiting the Vose
19 Family Corn Dog stand continues to be a statewide annual
20 tradition during the Illinois State Fair; he was given the
21 Illinoisan of the Day Award in 2011 by the Illinois State Fair
22 and was honored to be a grand marshal at the fair in 2017; and

1 WHEREAS, Bob Vose was a proud and active citizen, serving
2 his country and his beloved city; he was the first city
3 alderman elected to represent Ward 5 and continued to be an
4 advocate for his ward and its residents long after his term of
5 service expired; he was a member of the Oak Ridge Cemetery
6 Foundation and was active in fundraising for the cemetery and
7 responsible for Monument Avenue beautification improvements;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Bob Vose was a generous man and donated his time,
10 treasure, and talents to many local causes throughout his
11 life; he loved playing the role of Santa Claus at the city
12 recreation department and was a referee and umpire of high
13 school sports for several years; he sponsored the annual
14 Goodwill client Halloween and Christmas parties for 34 years;
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16 WHEREAS, Bob Vose was a member of IBEW Local 193 for over
17 65 years; he was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic
18 Church and a proud north ender; and

19 WHEREAS, Bob Vose was preceded in death by his parents;
20 his wife, Virginia; four brothers; and six sisters; and

21 WHEREAS, Bob Vose is survived by his children, Robert Vose

1 Jr., Virginia (Mike) Geiger, Ronald (MaryBeth) Vose, Kenneth
2 (Roxann) Vose, Debra Vose, and Sandra (Robert) Orr; 14
3 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; his brother, Harold
4 (Jean) Vose; and several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we mourn the passing of Robert W. "Bob" Vose and extend our
8 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
9 and loved him; and be it further

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