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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 Jerry
4 Marquis Doss, who passed away on July 26, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Jerry Doss was born in Chicago to Robert and
6 Ivory Lucille Doss; he graduated from Hillcrest High School
7 and served honorably in the United States Navy during the
8 Vietnam War; he married Shirley Boykin in Memphis, Tennessee
9 on September 30, 1978, and they settled in Harvey, where they
10 lived for 45 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Jerry Doss returned home after being honorably
12 discharged; he accepted a position at Royal Crown Cola, where
13 he worked with his father as a forklift operator; he retired
14 from Royal Crown Cola after 50 years of service; and

15 WHEREAS, Jerry Doss was an active member of the Harvey
16 community; he frequented the local Harvey Public Library and
17 donated coins and other historical artifacts that are
18 currently on display; he was known in the neighborhood as
19 "Juice Jerry" because he sold and gave away pop and assorted
20 juices that he would bring home from work at the Royal Crown
21 plant; he worked on cars in the back of his home and helped
22 neighbors and friends when asked if something needed to be

1 fixed; and

2 WHEREAS, Jerry Doss was an avid reader and enjoyed reading
3 about major wars, world history, and political figures; he
4 collected coins and precious metals and constantly wanted to
5 examine someone's change; he collected presidential and state
6 quarters and put them in collection books to give to his
7 sisters and others on their birthday or Christmas; he had an
8 immense DVD and VHS movie collection, which was big enough to
9 rival Netflix, Hulu, and other streaming services; he was an
10 avid fan of Chicago sports; and

11 WHEREAS, Jerry Doss attended St. Stephens AME Church as a
12 child and was later baptized by as an adult at Bethlehem Temple
13 Missionary Baptist Church; and

14 WHEREAS, Jerry Doss was a family man; he loved his
15 parents, wife, children, brothers, sisters, nieces, and
16 nephews and made sure that his family had everything it
17 needed; he supported both sons and encouraged them to stay in
18 school, graduate from college, and become productive citizens;
19 he was loved by so many for his kindness, intelligence, quick
20 wit, and generosity; he was a hero to his children and someone
21 they could always count on, even on his hardest days; and

22 WHEREAS, Jerry Doss is survived by his wife, Shirley; his

1 sons, Jerry and Clifton; his siblings, Robert (Carole) Doss
2 Jr., Linda (Melvin) Whittington, Veronica (Carl) Harris,
3 Sandretta Isham, Donald Doss, Dennis Doss, and Tamie Johnson;
4 his in-laws, Clifton Boykin, Vicki (David) Adams, Willa
5 (Jessie) Broom, and John (Famie) Boykin; 82 nieces and
6 nephews; and numerous cousins and family friends; therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we mourn the passing of Jerry Marquis Doss 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 Jerry Doss as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.