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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 Dorrel
4 Norman Elvert "Whitey" Herzog; and

5 WHEREAS, Whitey Herzog was born in 1931 and was a native of
6 New Athens; and

7 WHEREAS, Whitey Herzog began his life in baseball as a
8 minor leaguer with the McAlester (Okla.) Rockets in 1949,
9 where he was nicknamed "Whitey" for his light-colored hair; he
10 spent eight seasons in Major League Baseball, playing
11 primarily outfield for the Washington Senators (1956-58), the
12 Kansas City Athletics (1958-60), the Baltimore Orioles
13 (1961-62), and the Detroit Tigers (1963); and

14 WHEREAS, Whitey Herzog managed the Texas Rangers (1973),
15 the California Angels (1974), and the Kansas City Royals
16 (1975-79) before joining the St. Louis Cardinals; he also
17 spent time as general manager of the Los Angeles Angels in 1993
18 and 1994 after his time with the Cardinals; and

19 WHEREAS, Whitey Herzog became manager of the Cardinals on
20 June 9, 1980; he eventually assumed the dual role of field
21 manager and general manager; his teams played a big part in

1 changing the direction of the franchise in the early 1980s
2 with an exciting style of play that would become known as
3 "Whitey Ball"; and

4 WHEREAS, Whitey Herzog managed the Cardinals from 1980 to
5 1990 and ranks third in franchise history with 822 victories;
6 his teams won three National League pennants and the 1982
7 World Series; he was voted the 1982 Major League Manager of the
8 Year and the 1985 N.L. Manager of the Year; and

9 WHEREAS, Whitey Herzog's lifetime managerial record is
10 1,281-1,125; his win total ranks 39th on baseball's all-time
11 list; and

12 WHEREAS, Whitey Herzog was elected to the National
13 Baseball Hall of Fame in 2010 by the Veterans Committee; and

14 WHEREAS, Whitey Herzog's number 24 was retired by the
15 Cardinals, and he was voted the manager on the All-Busch
16 Stadium II team in 2005; he was an inaugural member of the
17 Cardinals Hall of Fame in 2014; and

18 WHEREAS, Whitey Herzog is survived by his wife of 71
19 years, Mary Lou Herzog; his children, Debra, David, and Jim
20 and their spouses; nine grandchildren; and 10 great
21 grandchildren; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we mourn the passing of Dorrel Norman Elvert "Whitey" Herzog
4 and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and
5 all who knew and loved him; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Whitey Herzog as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.